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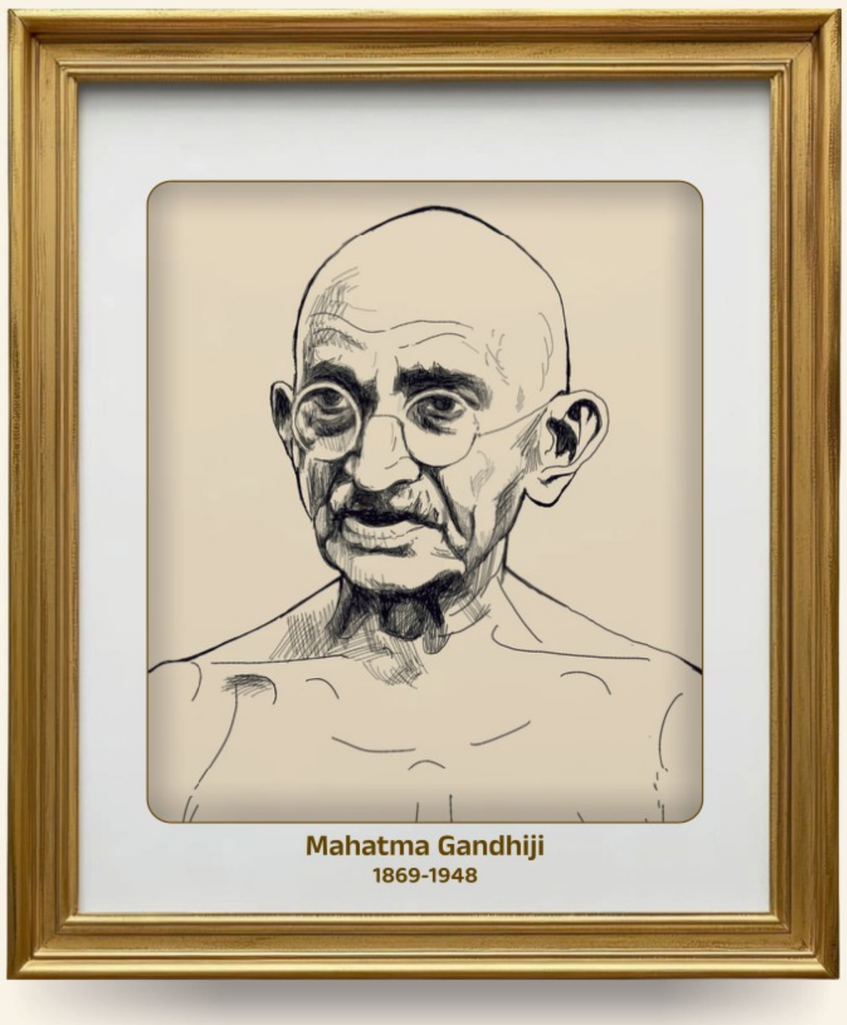

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Iran fires missiles at Israel, warns against retaliation

Explosions reported in Jerusalem, Jordan River Valley hours after Israel launched ground operations in Lebanon; strikes were a response to campaign against Hezbollah leadership

Reuters
Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM/BEIRUT

Iran fired a salvo of ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday in retaliation for Israel's campaign against Tehran's Hezbollah allies in Lebanon.

Alarms sounded across Israel and explosions could be heard in Jerusalem and the Jordan River Valley after Israelis piled into bomb shelters. Reporters on state television lay flat on the ground during live broadcasts.

Reuters journalists saw missiles intercepted in the airspace of neighbouring Jordan. Israeli military said Iran fired around 180 missiles. "IDF (Israeli Army) systems have identified approximately 180 missiles fired towards Israeli territory from Iran," it said.

Under fire: A picture taken from the West Bank's Hebron shows projectiles above the Israeli city of Ashdod on Tuesday night. AFP

Earlier, the military had announced that any ballistic missile strike from Iran was expected to be widespread and told the public to shelter in safe rooms in the event of an attack.

Iran has vowed to retaliate following attacks that killed the top leadership of its Hezbollah allies in Lebanon. The firing of missiles came after Israel said its troops had launched ground raids into Lebanon, though it described the forays as limited.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards threatened to carry out "crushing attacks" against Israel if it retaliated for the missile attack.

"If the Zionist regime reacts to Iranian operations, it will face crushing attacks," the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said in a statement carried by the Fars news agency.

The IRGC said the attack was "in accordance with the United Nations Charter".

It said it came "after a period of restraint" following an "attack on the sovereignty" of Iran – a reference to the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran in late July.

After the attack, Iran suspended flights at Tehran international airport, Iranian media reported late Tuesday.

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Situation along China border stable but 'not normal': Army chief

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China is "stable" but "not normal", said Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday, adding that trust has been the "biggest" casualty.

He also cautioned against Chinese "grey zone" warfare tactics.

He was speaking at the curtain-raiser to the Chanakya defence dialogue to be organised jointly by the Army and the Centre for Land Warfare Studies on October 24 and 25.

"The situation on the ground today is stable but it is not normal and it is sensitive. We want the situation that existed pre-April 2020 to be restored, whether it be the ground occupation or situation, the buffer zones that have been created or the patrolling that has been planned.

General Upendra Dwivedi

Till the time that is not restored, as far as we are concerned, the situation will remain sensitive and we are operationally prepared to face any contingency... and in the entire gamut, we see that trust has been the biggest casualty," General Dwivedi said.

"With China, you have to compete, cooperate, coexist, confront, and contest," the Army chief said.

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MUDA writes to sub-registrar to cancel sites of CM's wife

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Hours after receiving a letter from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi B.M. to surrender the 14 sites allotted to her, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) wrote to the sub-registrar to cancel the sale deeds of sites given up voluntarily by her.

MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan, who was handed over the letter by Ms. Parvathi's son Yathindra on Tuesday, told reporters there was a provision in the rules for MUDA to take back the allotted sites "without delay" if surrendered voluntarily. After perusing provisions in the rules and consulting its legal team, a decision was taken by MUDA Commissioner to take back the sites.

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The Centre of Excellence is player-centric and we want them to benefit; we don't want the player to get confused and we don't want the player to suddenly feel the burden of whose advice he has to listen to

K. MURALI KUMAR

INTERVIEW

V.V.S. Laxman

Amol Karhadkar

"In three years since I took up the assignment, I have never spoken about my role and what we do here."

An ever-smiling V.V.S. Laxman jokes while getting up after a 45-minute interaction focused on the BCCI's newly inaugurated Centre of Excellence on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

The legendary cricketer – now Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy – spelt out everything about his new avatar and also shared his and the BCCI's vision for the Centre of Excellence. **Excerpts:**

On the perception of NCA – now rechristened as the Centre of Excellence

There is a misconception that the cricketers come only for rehab. But they come to the NCA to also upskill, and get ready for the challenges in the various series they are going to participate in. I am sure that all the players who come to this facility and are part of these programmes will strive to achieve excellence. And in the process, the Indian cricket team in all the formats will be probably the best in the world.

On the facilities at the CoE

It's a dream come true for all the players. For someone like me who has played for the country at the highest level, I think it is a very important moment. This kind of infrastructure with three world-class grounds, with three different soils – red soil, the local soil from Karnataka and the soil from Odisha – and then the practice wickets, which again have got three different soils there, close to 45 practice wickets, including five cement tracks.

And then we have got the indoor facility with close to 10 lanes. Apart from that, we have got a world-class Sports Science & Medicine (SSM) building.

Sports science has become an integral part, not only in Indian cricket, but in sports. And it is not only about players getting injured and recovering on time, but it is also about maintaining the highest level of fitness standards and recovery, which is very very important with the busy schedule the Indian cricketers have.

The facility is also for educating coaches, because as you all know that NCA focuses a lot on developing not only cricketers but also coaches. We will even have a bench strength for performance analysts, physiotherapists, and S&Cs (strength and conditioning coaches).

K. MURALI KUMAR

On ensuring young cricketers aren't confused with different styles of coaching

For any player, we give options. It's not that we dictate that you have to do this or you have to change. No, it's the options and ultimately the player should feel comfortable acknowledging and accepting that option.

If he feels that that's working for him, he will embrace it and he will continue to use it through the season. The whole objective is to give that exposure to the player. And another thing we have done is monitoring the players, both men and women.

We also have something known as the athlete management system (AMS). A profile is created on all the players who come and attend the ZCA camp and the NCA camps, right from their reports of the skills to the fitness to the musculoskeletal screening report, we have got mental conditioners who come and work with them. Every report of that player is there in the AMS. We are going to even request State associations to follow that process. At least 50 players of each association, 25 men and 25 women, should be on the AMS because we have done a lot of work to make AMS quite proactive.

Everything is player-centric and we want them to benefit. We don't want the player to get confused. We don't want the player to suddenly feel the burden of whose advice he has to listen to. We take into confidence the State association coaches. They spend a lot more time with that player than us because we just get one month with them. Rest of the year, the State association coaches take care of them, so it is a nice collaborative effort we are doing.

On challenges of readying cricketers for workloads and handling pressure

As far as junior cricketers are concerned, we have got mental conditioners who come. They spend eight to 10 days out of the 30-day camp or 25-day camp with the players. Understanding their strengths, the areas they require to work on. They give tools for the players to go back and work. For me, and if you ask any cricketer who has played for a long time, ultimately what you think in between your two years makes a massive difference. So, we give a lot of importance to the mental aspect of the game.

In the past, there has been a lot of misconception about how the NCA is just used for rehab programmes and how players getting back also are getting injured, but you have seen it with Rishabh Pant, how well NCA manages. How do you ensure there is no mistrust between the NCA and top players?

I can't comment on what has happened in the past, but I can say with a lot of conviction that I am very proud of everyone, every member of my team and also the SSM team because it is a high-pressure work for them.

They are dealing with injuries and there is a misconception that the timelines have to be met. We are talking about bodies and as someone who has had a back injury towards the end of my international career, I understand that sometimes you know that you will be fit in a particular time frame, but sometimes the recovery or the result won't be seen.

Having patience and following the protocols is critical. As long as you follow all the protocols, and coming from a doctor's family I know for a fact that my parents always wanted to follow all the protocols, what is required for the patient and sometimes the recovery can be a little late. But full credit to the entire SSM team for the way they have handled every player and also credit to the players because we have seen Pant's case and we have seen Jassi (Jasprit Bumrah) being here, Shreyas (Iyer) being here, we have seen K.L. (Rahul) being here, Prasdh (Krishna) being here, a lot of players, I can't single out one or two, but whoever came here, I mean they have really worked hard.

The challenging part of the rehab is, when you are going through it, the entire rehab will be probably for two or three hours in the whole day and the whole day they got nothing to do and we are talking about elite sportspersons who actually are busy playing six to eight hours or practising six to eight hours.

They have conversations at various stages of their rehab, I have been in that situation because as a player when you know the shelf-life is very little, you want every day to count, you want to be out there in the middle playing as much as possible, but sometimes you have to accept the fact that you are required to recover properly before going and participating actively at whatever level you are playing.

It's very important that the player also understands that and if someone is there for rehab, there will be one or two conversations with them. I joke with my SSM team that they are also good mental conditioners or they are also good counsellors because there will be days, there will be moments when the player will feel a little down, a little frustrated, but you have those conversations and sort of convince the player that whatever is happening is in the best interest.

On ensuring each Under-19 batch gets due exposure

When you go from one U-19 World Cup to another, there is always one batch that misses out playing for India U-19. I am not saying that it is the most important step in their growth as a cricketer. When you represent India at any level it gives that confidence – it gave me a lot of confidence when I represented India in 1994 against the youth teams of Australia and England – that gave me recognition that also fast-tracked my progress as a cricketer.

Currently, we are playing a series against Australia U-19 and luckily a lot of the guys who may miss out on the next World Cup are part of this series. Overall, the exposure is there and they also are not only restricted or constrained only for the World Cup. We want them to evolve as cricketers and just because someone played India Under-19 or not doesn't mean that they won't progress in their career. If they play at the highest level, understand the pressures of a World Cup, that will enhance their mental strength and progress as cricketers.

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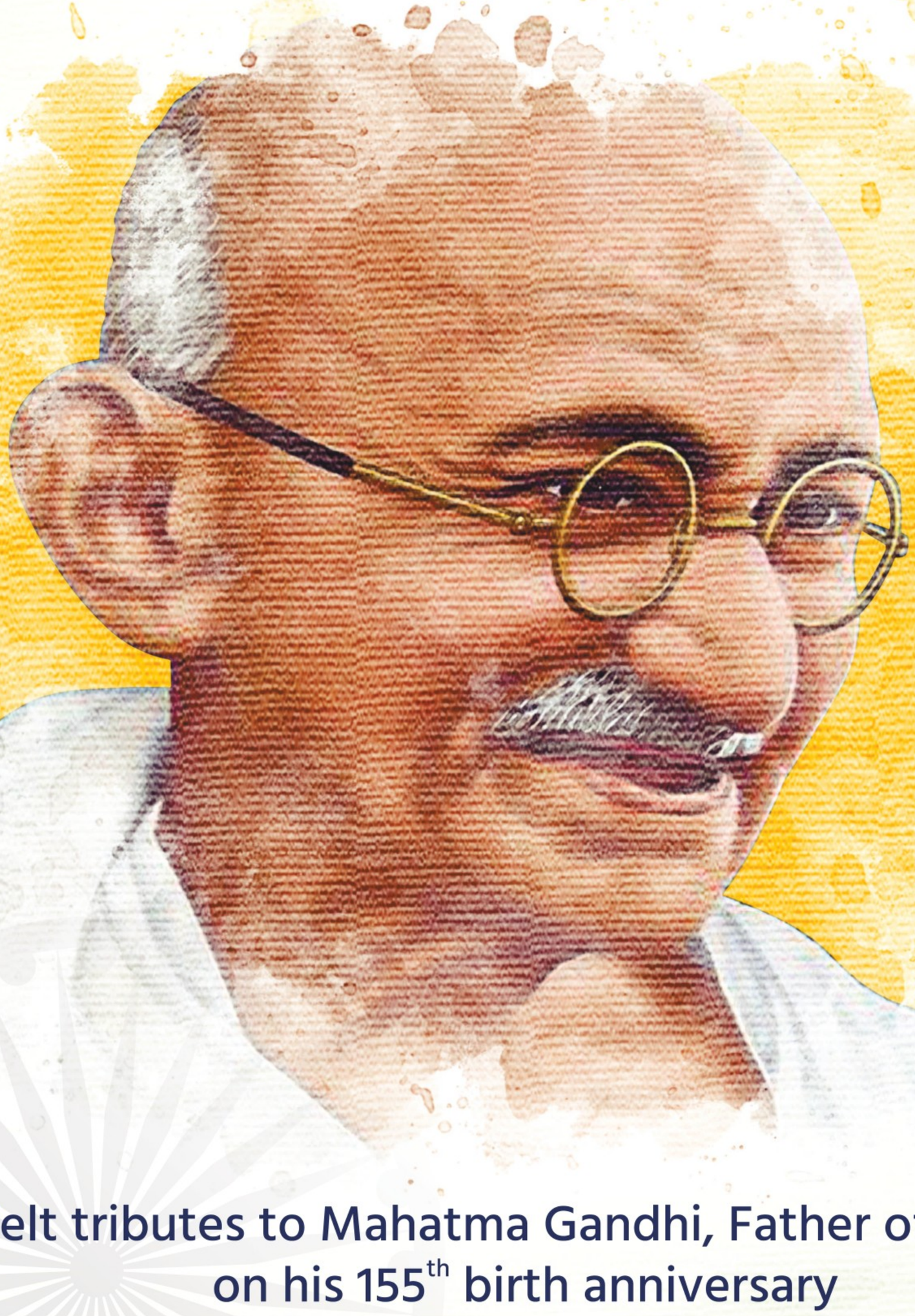

Heartfelt tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, on his 155th birth anniversary

"Gandhi Ji dreamt of an India where every child receives world-class education, where every Indian can afford high quality healthcare, and where people of all religions and castes live together in harmony. We are fully committed to making these dreams of Gandhi Ji a reality!"

Bhagwant Singh Mann
Chief Minister, Punjab

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State launches first rare blood donor programme

It was jointly launched by TTK Blood Bank and Karnataka State Blood Transfusion Council

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To support the blood requirements of patients with rare blood groups, Rotary Bangalore TTK Blood Centre's Bangalore Medical Services Trust (BMST), in association with the Karnataka State Blood Transfusion Council, on Tuesday launched a 'Rare Blood Donor' programme.

Under the programme, BMST is forming a 'Rare Blood Donor' registry, a database of voluntary donors of rare blood groups and a repository of frozen red cell units of rare blood types. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao launched the programme on the occasion of the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day that is observed on October 1.

This programme has technical expertise and support from the National Institute of Immunohematology (NIIH) ICMR Mumbai, New York Blood Center, U.S., and the International Society of Blood Transfusion, (ISBT, Amsterdam). "The programme includes training and awareness for blood centres across Karnataka about rare blood groups. We will perform extended blood group testing by both serology and molecular techniques to identify rare blood types among patients and their family members," Latha Jagannathan, medical director and managing trustee Rotary Bangalore TTK Blood Centre, BMST, told *The Hindu* after the launch.

Under the programme, Bangalore Medical Services Trust is forming a 'Rare Blood Donor' registry, a database of voluntary donors of rare blood groups and a repository of frozen red cell units of rare blood types. FILE PHOTO

Pointing out that testing of 500 individuals has been done and 60 donors have been enrolled under the registry so far, Dr. Latha said, "We will also identify rare group individuals from amongst our voluntary donors and share the anonymised data (without name, phone and other identifying data) of the potential donors with the International Rare Donor Panel. Apart from Mumbai's ICMR centre, ours is the only such centre that has started this rare blood donor registry."

Rare blood donors

Ankit Mathur, BMST additional medical director, said as of now 45 blood group systems have been identified. "Of these ABO and Rh (Rhesus factor) belong to the major blood group system. For transfusion, blood units of the same ABO and RhD (Rhesus factor D) are cross-matched with the patient's blood sample and compatible blood is transfused. This is adequate for routine blood transfusions," he said.

"Amongst the other blood group systems, some are called rare blood groups as their incidence is less than one in 1,000 to one in 10,000 people or more. Some examples of rare blood groups are Bombay (Oh) phenotype, Rh-D-/-D- (called Rh D dash dash), In (a+b-), Co(a-b-), CdE/CdE, Mg, weaker variants of A, B, O and Rh antigens, among other. These can be clinically significant and play an adverse role in certain conditions," Dr. Mathur explained.

Dr. Janannathan said patients with thalassemia, cancer and other such conditions with rare blood groups who receive multiple transfusions, would need more precisely matched blood for transfusion.

Test run of e-khata system rolled out; citizens can download draft document

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) initiated the test run of the new faceless, contactless, and online e-khata issuance system on Tuesday and has uploaded draft e-khata online for the property owners to download.

As part of the pilot phase, draft e-khata, generated based on existing BBMP records, is now available online. Citizens can access their draft e-khata by visiting www.bbmpeAasthi.karnataka.gov.in

A few hours after the website was online, servers crashed and later the BBMP decided to augment the server capacity. The BBMP will be soon shifting to a more user-friendly interface as well.

An official said the BBMP was planning to roll out the system for the properties outside the tax net on October 10.

The official noted in the draft e-khata many details are missing which the citizens have to fill by producing documents online. The documents will be verified electronically as this database is integrated at the backend with databases like that of Kaveri 2.0, Aadhaar, Bescom, and the Department of Stamps and Registration.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has digitised records of 21 lakh properties from over 5,000 record books. FILE PHOTO

What is the procedure

All the citizens can download their draft e-khata for review. However, to receive the final e-khata, citizens must submit additional property-related details online, including Aadhaar eKYC, GPS coordinates of the property, a photograph of the property, the registered deed of the property, encumbrance certificate (EC) from April 1, 2004, to the present, Bescom meter number, and additional documents sought to verify A-Khata status, the official said. The citizens have to submit these documents online and these will be verified online itself, he informed.

If any of the required documents are unavailable, citizens can opt to meet the jurisdictional Assistant Revenue Officer (ARO) in person to process the final e-khata as per the prescribed rules.

Citizens have a seven-day window to file objections to the draft e-khata. These objections will be reviewed by the ARO and will be resolved based on merit.

The BBMP has digitised records of 21 lakh properties from over 5,000 record books. The civic body is, however, yet to complete the verification process that it started. Initially, the plan was to roll out after verification and quality check but as it would further delay the implementation by one month the BBMP has taken the route of verification by asking the citizens to submit the documents.

Given the scale of this rollout, the current launch is a test phase. Learnings from this phase will be incorporated for future improvements. Citizens are requested to cooperate to help the BBMP serve them better, a senior civic official said.

Delivery executive and his accomplice arrested, 13 stolen bikes recovered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Parappana Agrahara police have arrested a delivery executive and his associate, a security guard, and recovered 13 stolen two-wheelers worth ₹12.7 lakh from them.

The accused, according to the police – identified as Shabaz Khan, 26, who works as a delivery person for an online marketing company, and his associate, Om Sunil, 19, a security guard at a private firm – were caught while moving suspiciously on a bike near Rayasandra lake.

A detailed inquiry led them to confess that they had stolen the bike which was parked in front of a house. Based on their confession, the police have recovered four stolen bikes parked near a Shiva temple and two more bikes which they had parked in Hosur.

The duo used to move around residential areas looking for bikes parked in front of houses and steal them. The accused would sell these bikes at throwaway prices while they parked unsold vehicles in isolated places, the police said.

The accused used to target expensive bikes, break the hand lock, and steal the vehicles by disconnecting the ignition wires. The accused would put up pictures of the stolen bikes on online marketing websites offering to sell them at a throwaway price.

With their arrest, the police have detected 10 vehicle theft cases reported in and around the city.

Man arrested for stabbing BMTC conductor

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Whitefield police on Tuesday arrested a 25-year-old man for stabbing a conductor on a Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus after he was advised not to travel on the footboard.

The accused, Harsh Sinha, a native of Jharkhand, was caught by passengers and handed over to the police while the injured conductor, identified as Yogesh, was admitted to a private hospital, where he is being treated.

The incident occurred around 7 p.m. when Harsh got into a Volvo bus near Vydehi circle and was standing on the footboard. The conductor asked him to get in as it was dangerous.

Heated argument

Despite repeated requests, when Harsh did not listen, Yogesh shouted at him which led to a heated argument between them. In the melee, Harsh pulled out a knife and stabbed Yogesh in his stomach, it is learnt.

Harsh was working as a tele-caller in a BPO and was terminated from service on September 20. He had been searching for a job since then, the police said.

The Whitefield police have registered a case of attempt to murder and an investigation is under way as to why the accused was carrying a knife on him.

Guild of Translators inaugurated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the occasion of International Translation Day, the Guild of Translators was inaugurated at the Christ University's Department of English and Cultural Studies on the Central Campus on Monday. The crucial role translators play in bridging global communication and cultural gaps was highlighted at the event.

Vice-Chancellor and faculty coordinator of the guild Jose C.C. delivered the keynote address, emphasising the importance of strategic inflection points. John Joseph Kennedy, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, spoke about the importance of translation in fostering unity and diversity. Chief guest Mini Krishnan, editor and publisher, underscored how translation is about "cultures, not just words". The event included workshops and discussions on various facets of translation, with a key highlight being the release of two translated works: *Antara: Between Cultures and Across Languages*, translated by Sharon J. and the students of Performing Arts, English, and Psychology, and *En Kanavai Tirrupi Kudu*, a Tamil work translated into the English by Abhilash and his students.

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Mahila Seva Samaja received the Karnataka Unaided School Managements' Association (R) KUSMA Award for Excellence in Academic Pursuits and Continuous Improvement in Education.

FIRST PLACE IN NATIONAL HACKATHON

Ryan International School, Yelahanka student, Mst. Hariharan, secured first place in the National Hackathon held in Hyderabad, winning a cash prize of Rs.75,000, which was presented by Chief Guest Padma Shri CV Raju. The event, I3R2, India's largest K12 Makeathon organised by T-Works (Government of Telangana), saw over 100 teams participate. Hariharan's team, Knights Templar, built a low-cost combine harvester to address labour shortages in Punjab, reducing the price from Rs.4 crores to just Rs.2 lakhs.

KHO-KHO TOURNAMENT

Sri Siddaganga Public School, Chandra Layout, Bangalore, hosted the CBSE Cluster VIII Kho-Kho Tournament, which saw participation from 270 teams and over 3800 players across Karnataka. The Valedictory function was graced by Chief Guest Sri Vishnu Sudhakaran, Regional Director of Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru, and other esteemed dignitaries. Sri L. Revannasiddaiah, IPS (Retd.), President, SSKVP Trust, Bengaluru, presided over the event, alongside Management Committee members Sri B.N. Channappa, Secretary; Sri S. Mrutyunjaya, Joint Secretary; Dr. R. Lokaprakash, Treasurer; Sri T.S. Tulasi Kumar, Academic Advisor; and School Principal Smt. Hamsa T.M. The girls' under-19 team of the host school emerged as champions, while the boys' under-19 and under-14 teams finished as runners-up. The Chief Guest praised the participants for their sportsmanship, highlighting the importance of promoting Kho-Kho at national and international levels.

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Swallowtail butterflies in key Assam habitat face a citrus worry

India hosts 77 of the 573 swallowtail butterfly species recorded across the world so far. The International Union for Conservation of Nature designated the northeastern part of the country, where 69 species have been recorded, a 'swallowtail-rich zone' under the Swallowtail Conservation Action Plan

Rahul Karmakar

The overexploitation of 25 species of host plants valued for their medicinal properties threatens the swallowtail butterflies in the forest habitats of a part of Assam often referred to as the "citrus belt of the world," a new study has found.

The study, conducted in the Bodoland Territorial Region on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra River, also underscored illegal cattle farming within the protected areas, agriculture and tea cultivation near the habitats, illegal tree felling, and pesticide use to be among the crucial factors contributing to the decline in the number of these butterflies.

Kushal Choudhury of Bodoland University's Department of Zoology is the author of the study, which was published in the *Journal of Threatened Taxa*.

"The decline of swallowtail butterflies in forest habitats, which was not a major concern about two decades ago, made the International Union for Conservation of Nature mark them as globally endangered," he said.

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Dr. Choudhury's study documented 4,267 individuals belonging to 35 species representing eight genera. Three are endemic to the region, while 12 enjoy federal protection.

"Butterflies are valuable indicators of the environment, whose health can influence their presence, abundance, and diversity. The findings suggest that the studied landscape [in the Bodoland Territorial region] is crucial in supporting larval host plants, adult resources of swallowtail butterflies, and other abiotic factors," he said.

The Bodoland Territorial Region is a Sixth Schedule area covering 8,970 sq. km. About 40% of it is covered with forests, mostly toward the border in the north with Bhutan. The butterflies Dr. Choudhury studied in the region's Manas Biosphere Reserve were found to count 25 plant species from six families as their essential food sources.

The Paris peacock (*Papilio paris*) is a species of swallowtail butterfly found in India's northeast. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Plant problem

"Unfortunately, these host plants, valued for their traditional medicinal properties, are being overexploited," Dr. Choudhury said, noting the absence of two rare species – the Bhutan glory (*Bhutanitis lidderdalii*) and the Kaiser-i-Hind (*Teinopalpus imperialis*) – during the survey.

The black-bodied swallowtails were observed to feed on six distinct plant families, including the *Rutaceae* or citrus. "The study area is situated in the citrus belt of the world and supports 52 varieties of 17 citrus species and six potential hybrid species," he said, underscoring the link between the citrus plants and the *Papilio* genus of these butterflies for the development of their larvae.

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According to the study, these citrus species are now confined mostly to home gardens or backyard settings instead of wild or semi-wild habitats because the coverage of forested lands has been shrinking and due to overexploitation. "This decline in the wild population of citrus species may be a possible reason for the disappearance of these butterfly species," the paper read.

The extensive harvesting of three species of plants of the family *Aristolochiaceae* from the wild was found to have affected the density of the swallowtails belonging to the *Atrophaneura*, *Pachliopta*, and *Triodes* genera. These butterflies have a specialised diet and feed exclusively on plants from this family.

The exploitation of *Ligustrum cordatum*, a plant used in traditional medicine, has similarly affected the swallowtails of the genus *Lamproptera*. The scenario is no different for the butterflies of other genera, such as *Graphium*, which feed on plants of the *Lauraceae* and *Magnoliaceae* families.

"The lack of related host plant resources for these species raises concerns about their long-term survival and ecological well-being. Host plants are fundamental to the lifecycle of many species, playing an essential role in their reproduction and sustenance," Dr. Choudhury said.

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The blue striped mime (*Papilio slateri*), a species of swallowtail butterfly. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

THE GIST

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Harvesting of citrus plants for medicinal properties may have shrunk the population of these butterflies, some of which feed exclusively on certain species of the plant. The citrus plants are now mostly confined to home gardens or backyard settings

BIG SHOT

This photograph taken in June 2023 shows wind turbines under construction at the Seagreen Offshore Wind Farm around 27 km off the coast of Angus in the North Sea. If plans by National Grid go ahead, it will see areas of Suffolk in England transformed by steel and concrete for onshore substations. Undersea cables from offshore wind farms would make landfall somewhere on the coastline before being sent a few kilometres inland via huge "cable trenches," requiring years of disruptive construction work. AFP

QUESTION CORNER

Dust knows no borders

Q: Where does dust come from, and why does it reappear so soon after we dust?
— Ramajayam D.

A: Terrestrial dust is mostly tiny fragments abraded from larger things; some of it may be even smaller things aggregating together to form motes of dust.

The larger things that turn to dust can be almost anything in the world, from shoes to ships to sealing wax. not to mention cabbages (fragments of dried vegetable matter) and kings (especially if cremated). Wind-driven dust composed of fragments of stone and clay is so powerful that over the millennia it has cut fantastically shaped canyons and pillars in the badlands of the American West.

Drought created the Dust Bowl with its penetrating clouds of dry ploughed soil: the fires of ancient Plains Indians probably added to the dust in teepees; soot from unburied automobile fuel plagues city apartments.

Dust knows no borders, and dust from volcanic ash lingers in the upper atmosphere to produce brilliant sunsets thousands of miles away from the eruption. As for why dusting seems worse than futile, one reason is that a dust cloth may simply stir up dust temporarily while the friction simultaneously creates a static electric charge. Charged particles of dust are attracted to surfaces with the opposite charge. An antistatic spray may help by providing a very thin layer of insulation between the opposite charges.

A herd of wildebeest in the Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya. HARI NANDAKUMAR/UNSPLASH

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Carcinogenic ingredients found in 12 samples of cakes in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Food Safety and Quality Department, which recently tested 235 samples of cakes across the State, has found carcinogenic ingredients in 12 samples.

Recommending caution, Food Safety Commissioner Srinivas K. has warned bakeries against the use of harmful chemicals and colouring agents in cakes.

Bakeries have been warned against the use of harmful chemicals and colouring agents

Popular varieties such as red velvet and black forest cakes, often made with visually appealing artificial colours, can pose significant health risks. "Tests conducted on 235 samples of cakes from several bakeries across the State have revealed that 12 different varieties contain cancer-causing agents. The 12 samples have revealed the presence of artificial colours such as Allura Red, Sunset Yellow FCF, Ponceau 4R, Tartrazine, and Carmoisine in more than the prescribed limits," the official said. This alert comes after the Food Safety Department banned the use of artificial colours in gobi manchurian, kebabs, and pani puri sauces. Recently, the department also cracked down on outlets selling shawarma (meat roll) prepared in unhygienic conditions in the State.

In August, the department tested 221 samples of paneer and 65 samples of khova collected from across the State and found that one sample from each of these dairy products was of substandard quality. In September, it inspected 142 food outlets in railway stations and 35 hotel units in prominent tourist spots to check if they are following rules.

Metro services to be partially halted on Green Line for safety inspection tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) has announced a partial curtailment of metro services on the Green Line on Thursday to facilitate the statutory safety inspection of the newly constructed extension between Nagasandra and Madavara stations.

The inspection will be conducted by the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS), Southern Circle, before the opening of this new stretch, according to BMRCL officials.

As per the official release, metro services between Nagasandra and Peenya Industry stations will be unavailable from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday. During this period, trains will operate only between Peenya Industry and Silk Institute.

The last train from Silk Institute heading towards Nagasandra will depart at 9 a.m. before the curtailment begins.

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RISE	06:23 SET 18:28
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RISE	06:09 SET 18:07
RISE	07:09 SET 19:04

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30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant.. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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- Dr. N. Mahalingam, From the Biography, The Living Legend

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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF 17 MONTHS PERFORMANCE OF FOUR STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATIONS

- Approval accorded for induction of **5800** new buses
- Inducted **3417** buses (KSRTC-1031, BMTC-915, NWKRTC-457 and KKRTC-1014)
- Inducted Pallakki, Ashwamedha Classic, Kalyana Ratha, Amogha Varsha new buses
- Approval accorded for Recruitment of **9000** posts
- Appointment order issued to **1883** Driver-cum-Conductors and Technical Assistants
- Recruitment for **6500** posts (KSRTC- 2000 Driver-cum-Conductors, BMTC-2500 Conductors, NWKRTC -1000 Drivers and 1000 Conductors) is under process & will be completed soon
- **1340** Old buses have been refurbished
- No of Trips prior to Shakti **158909** has increased to **172333,** an increase of **13424 trips per day**
- Appointment order issued to **1000** dependents of the deceased employees on compassionate grounds
- **Rs.1 crore** cheque disbursed to the dependents of the deceased employees who died in accidents (On duty/Off duty)
- Enhancement of Accident Relief Compensation from Rs. 3 lakh to **Rs. 10 lakh** to dependents of a passenger died in bus accident while travelling in Corporation bus
- The Family Welfare Insurance Scheme compensation enhanced from Rs. 3 lakh to **Rs.10 lakh** to the family of the deceased employee who expired for reasons other than accident
- KSRTC, BMTC and KKRTC have entered MoU with Shri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research for conducting **heart related Medical Check-ups** for its employees
- **Sarige Vidya Chetana Scheme** scholarship amount enhanced for children of employees and Rs.2 Cr. have been disbursed.
- **'Cashless'** Medical facilities to NWKRTC Staff with KIMS
- **Namma Cargo** logistics service introduced with 20 trucks

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Total Number of Passengers Travelled	155.54	165.10	114.64	80.89	516.17
Total Number of Women Passengers	91.28	95.74	69.41	44.16	300.59
Ticket value of women Passengers Travelled (Amount in Rs.)	2740.87	1250.76	1778.57	1472.80	7243.00

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The number of people who died due to Hurricane Helene

130 With hundreds still unaccounted for across several U.S. States and the death toll still climbing, President Joe Biden announced he would travel to North Carolina, the most severely affected State, to monitor rescue efforts. AFP

The amount Google is to invest in Thailand to build digital infra

1 in $ billion. Google has announced that it plans to invest $1 billion to build digital infrastructure in Thailand, including a new data centre. The new hubs are intended to help meet growing demand for cloud computing in southeast Asia. AFP

Number of Ukranian civilians killed by Russian strikes

7 The strike happened in the southern Ukraine city of Kherson on Tuesday, as shoppers made their way between stalls at the city centre market, according to regional Governor Oleksandr Prokudin. The city had not been a war hotspot in recent times. AFP

Amount needed to help the displaced people of Lebanon

426 in $ million. Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said they were launching an appeal to mobilise resources for people affected by Israel's offensive. AFP

Number of children hospitalised in Thane after mid-day meal

38 The affected children complained of giddiness, nausea, headache, and pain in the abdomen. Food samples have been collected for testing. Civil officials and local police are investigating the incident. PTI

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Why every party is mobilising Dalit support

What are the various alliances that have formed in the Haryana electoral race? How did the Jannayak Janta Party lose most of its core support base? Have the farmers and wrestlers' protests become key electoral issues? Do the BSP and AAP have influence in the region?

ANALYSIS

Vignesh Karthik K.R.
Sarthak Bagchi
Anand Mehra
Navya Singh

Close contest: BJP supporters cheer during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting for the Haryana Assembly elections, in Palwal on October 1. ANI

The story so far:

The Haryana Assembly elections for a 90-member House are slated for October 5, and as the campaign intensifies, the State's political dynamic is undergoing significant changes.

Are smaller parties stitching up alliances?

A party like the Jannayak Janta Party, a regional party, which traditionally relies on Jat support, has this time made an alliance with Chandrashekhar Azad's Azad Samaj Party (ASP), which is a new entrant in Haryana politics. In the wake of declining Jat support, the JJP is compelled to look for other communities to draw support from, in order to maintain its political relevance in Haryana.

Because of his charisma, Chandrashekhar Azad, a first time MP from Nagina, is definitely gaining popularity among sections of Dalit voters, particularly among young voters who are attracted to his personality and good oratory skills. However, his appeal among Dalits is not similar across all sections of the community, and the deprived or marginalised sections among the Dalits still seem to be looking towards national parties like the Congress and the BJP. During Dushyant Chautala's door to door campaign in a village in Uchana Kalan, we found that he enthusiastically laid out his extensive campaign schedule with Chandrashekhar Azad as if to engage his Dalit supporters.

Is Mayawati's BSP a factor?

The direct outcome of increasing popularity and a possible increase in electoral support for Chandrashekhar Azad seems to be at the cost of support to Mayawati and her Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), which is in alliance with the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD). The BSP has always enjoyed some portion of the Dalit votes in Haryana but never reached any electoral significance in the State; and now, with the ascendance of the ASP, even that portion of the Dalit vote is up for grabs.

The Jat-Dalit coalition is projected by regional alliances such as the JJP-ASP and INLD-BSP in a more amplified manner than the kind of coalitions being harboured by the Congress or the BJP. An overt reliance on the Jat community, visible in the Congress campaign led by Bhoopinder Hooda, hinders the Jat-Dalit alliance that the Congress is trying to project. On the other hand, the BJP's support for the recent verdict on sub-categorisation among the Dalits by the Supreme Court has also disenchanted some of the dominant Dalit communities away from the party, while retaining the deprived sections among the Dalits.

What explains the decline of regional players like the INLD and JJP?

The decline of regional parties such as the INLD and JJP can be attributed to strategic missteps and shifting voter perceptions.

The INLD's decline stems from complex coalition decisions that failed to deliver anticipated political gains. Internal leadership struggles and an inability to adapt to changing political landscapes have weakened the party's influence. With a highly centralised leadership confined to a single family, the internal feuds within family members have meant that the core of the party has been weakened from within, leading to the peripheries becoming rudderless. This decay in the organisation has cost the party dearly in a field which has been dominated by well organised parties like the BJP and to some extent a rejuvenated Congress. While the INLD may secure a few seats due to its alliance with the BSP, which attracts Scheduled Caste (SC) votes shifting from the Congress, its overall impact remains limited.

As for the JJP, it initially gained traction by consolidating Jat votes and positioning itself against the BJP. However, its decision to ally with the BJP in the last election alienated a significant portion of its Jat voter base, with many supporters feeling betrayed by the alliance. The party's inactivity during significant events like the farmers' protest and the wrestlers' protest further eroded its credibility among constituents who expected vocal support on these issues. Leadership challenges compound the JJP's troubles. Dushyant Chautala, a prominent figure in the party, is reportedly facing stiff competition in his constituency Uchana Kalan, and may finish only in the third or fourth position. The exodus of party legislators, with seven out of 10 MLAs joining the BJP or Congress, indicates internal instability and declining fortunes. In a candid conversation, during the course of his door-to-door campaign in a village in Uchana Kalan, Dushyant called these defectors "migratory Russian birds, who come only in good weather, and fly away when the heat increases."

In summary, the decline of regional parties like the INLD and JJP is due to strategic alliances that alienated core supporters, leadership issues, and a failure to address key voter concerns.

What about AAP?

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)'s presence in Haryana is minimal and not a significant factor across most constituencies. In approximately 80 out of 90 seats, AAP lacks substantial influence. Where the party shows some promise, it is largely due to individual candidates with strong personal followings rather than organisational strength or widespread support for AAP itself. For instance, in the Kalayat constituency, Anurag Dhanda, the State vice-president of AAP, is expected to perform well. Then in the Jagadhri constituency, there is Adarsh Pal, a former BSP candidate with a substantial personal voter base, who has joined AAP after being denied tickets by other parties. These examples highlight that AAP's impact is dependent on individuals rather than a robust party presence.

How have social movements influenced voter perceptions?

Significant social movements such as the farmers' protest and the wrestlers' protest have profoundly influenced voter perceptions of political parties in Haryana. The farmers' protest, in particular, was a pivotal event in Haryana, with many constituents expecting strong advocacy from their representatives. The JJP's alliance with the BJP, against whom much of the protest was directed, put the party in a difficult spot. Its reluctance to actively support the farmers was seen as a betrayal by its core rural and Jat voter base. After much hesitation, Dushyant Chautala, JJP chief, apologised publicly. However, it may have been a tad too late.

Similarly, the wrestlers' protest, which centred around allegations of misconduct within a sports federation, garnered national attention. The failure of the JJP to take a stand during this protest further contributed to perceptions of detachment from critical social issues. These movements highlighted the importance of a responsive and empathetic leadership. The JJP's failure to align with the sentiments of its constituents during these significant events has led to disillusionment among voters, contributing to the party's declining fortunes. Furthermore, the deft articulation of many of the voters we encountered in our fieldwork indicate a concerted approach towards voting and the importance of aggregational support to parties and candidates that can unseat the incumbent government.

What lies ahead?

Haryana's upcoming Assembly elections are characterised by fluid political alignments and the pivotal role of caste dynamics, internal party cohesion, and responsiveness to social movements. The rural-urban divide underscores differing political priorities, with urban areas favouring national parties over regional ones. The battle for OBC support is intensifying as both the Congress and the BJP offer competing promises to this crucial demographic. The Congress faces the challenge of uniting Jat and Dalit voters amid internal discord and incidents that strain relationships with these key voter groups. The decline of regional parties like the INLD and JJP, coupled with the emergence of figures like Chandrashekhar Azad, suggests a realignment of the political landscape which could be the beginning of a new churning in State politics. Social movements have demonstrated the electorate's expectation for parties to actively engage with pressing issues.

The party that successfully navigates these complexities – addressing internal challenges, engaging with social movements, and resonating with a diverse electorate – is likely to emerge victorious. These changing dynamics in State politics once again reaffirm the centrality of voters in Indian elections and puts the voters in the driving seat forcing political parties to renew their social positions, whether that is seen in the multiple apologies offered by BJP leaders in their mishandling of the farmers' protests or in the multiple readjustments done within the Congress leadership to ensure a cohesive Jat-Dalit coalition or a former deputy chief minister promising his young supporters to bring a charismatic Dalit alliance partner on his campaign tour next time. In that view, it won't be wrong to say that the upcoming Assembly elections in Haryana is going to be another example of the deepening of democracy in India.

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Two minor girls who escaped from rescue centre in city found in Jammu

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two minor girls from Bangladesh, who had escaped from a rescue centre at Wilson Garden here, have been found in Jammu.

The police are in touch with an NGO to shelter the girls. Efforts are on to bring them back to Bengaluru.

The duo are among six girls who were rescued by the Bengaluru police seven years ago. The girls – aged 16 and 17 – had come Bengaluru after crossing the porous Indo-Bangla border. They had stayed in Kolkata and Jammu before coming to Bengaluru.

The Bengaluru police had rescued the girls and handed them over to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) from where they were sent to Abhayashram, a city-based NGO, to provide skill training in tailoring and beautician course, along with accommodation, as part of a rehabilitation programme.

On September 22, the duo hoodwinked the security at the centre and escaped. They travelled back to Jammu.

Based on a complaint by Vinutha A., secretary of Abhayashram, the Wilson Garden police registered a case and questioned the other girls to know the places where the duo would possibly visit. The police alerted their counterparts in Jammu and asked them to keep a watch, which eventually yielded results.

ISRO targets to launch Venus mission in March 2028

The ₹1,236-crore Venus Orbiter Mission was recently approved by the Union Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India's maiden mission to Venus, which is scheduled for launch in March 2028, will embark on a 112-day journey to reach the planet. The ₹1,236-crore Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) was recently approved by the Union Cabinet and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday revealed the targeted launch window for the mission.

According to the targeted launch window for VOM, the Earth departure date is scheduled on March 29, 2028, and the arrival date on Venus is July 19, 2028. VOM will be launched by the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3).

LVM-3 is the chosen launch vehicle for the mission.

"LVM-3 has been identified as the candidate launch vehicle which will place the spacecraft in an Elliptical Parking Orbit (EPO) of 170 km x 36,000 km, 21.5 degrees inclination and Argument of Perigee (AOP) of 178 degrees. Minimum energy requirement (expressed as incremental velocity, V) for the launch opportunity that exists in 2028 for placing a spacecraft in an elliptical orbit of 500 x 60,000 km around Venus," ISRO said.

The agency said that after the cruise phase, Venus Orbit Injection (VOI) will be at 500 km x 60,000 km. "Aerobraking will be employed for over a period of six to eight months from VOI to achieve the desired low altitude Science Orbit of 200 X600 km with an inclination of around 90 degrees, to carry out proposed science studies for a period of five years," it said.

19 payloads

ISRO said that 19 payloads will be onboard VOM, of which 16 are Indian payloads, two are Indian and international collaborative payloads, and there would be one international payload. These payloads have been recommended by an expert review committee. ISRO added that VOM will explore the planet's atmosphere, surface and its interaction with the Sun.

"Key objectives include examining dust in the Venusian atmosphere, mapping its topography in high resolution, studying the solar X-ray spectrum near Venus, analysing Venusian airglow, and investigating sub-surface characteristics. Additionally, the mission will serve as a technology demonstration for ISRO, testing aerobraking and thermal management techniques in the harsh Venusian environment," it added.

Today's annular solar eclipse will not be visible in India

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BENGALURU

The annular solar eclipse on Wednesday will not be visible in India as it will occur during the night.

Besides, the path of annularity of the eclipse, about 250-km wide, is largely over the Pacific and the Atlantic.

"The path of annularity passes over the Pacific Ocean and South Atlantic Ocean. Over land, it passes over southern Chile and Argentina," said R.C. Kapoor, formerly with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics.

Over the Pacific

He added that the greatest eclipse is over the Pacific, beginning at around 11 p.m. IST on Wednesday and ending at 2 a.m. IST on Thursday.

"The eclipse of October 2 is annular. In this case, the moon in its orbit happens to be near its farthest point (the apogee) from the earth, 63.6 earth radii (earth radius mean value: 6,371 km). In such an event, we shall get an unusual view of the eclipsed sun as a very brightly lit thin rim with a dark central hole (the moon), the magnitude being about 0.95 at the central line," he said.

Of educational value

Prof. Kapoor added that the corona of the sun would not show up because the visible annulus of its disc simply outshines the relatively much feebler corona, in fact a million times fainter. "Therefore, for the solar astronomer, an annular eclipse has less attraction today. The event will still arouse enough curiosity and has a great educational value in its own right," Prof. Kapoor added.

Rationalists to have meal at Town Hall

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A group of rationalists, under the banner 'Moodhanambike Virodhi Okkoota', have organised an event where meals will be served on the steps of Town Hall in Bengaluru from 9 p.m. on Wednesday, to mark the solar eclipse.

This is to break a superstition that one should not eat during an eclipse.

Guard who stole cash from office where he was working arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Siddapura police have arrested a 34-year-old guard for stealing ₹10.9 lakh in cash from the office of an auditor where he was working.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused, Narayanaswamy, a resident of Chickballapur, and arrested him. The accused had allegedly used the stolen cash to purchase a car worth ₹5.8 lakh and had started working as a cab driver.

He was arrested while he was having tea at a roadside hotel at Kasturinagar.

Recovered

The police recovered ₹3.5 lakh in cash which he had kept in the car's boot. With the rest of the money, the accused had purchased gold valuables and an expensive phone for himself, the police said.

HAL delivers first AL-31FP aero engine to IAF

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) handed over the first AL-31FP aero engine, manufactured under a 240 engine contract, to IAF on Monday at Koraput, Odisha. The contract for 240 AL-31FP aero engines for Su-30MKI aircraft was signed with HAL on September 9. These engines would be delivered in eight years.

Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (Defence Production), lauded HAL's efforts in delivering the first engine within two weeks of signing the contract. "This key milestone reflects HAL's aero engine manufacturing competency and dedication to support the Su-30MKI fleet of the IAF...," he said. HAL Chairman and Managing Director D.K. Sunil said HAL is committed to timely delivery of 240 engines.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION
Urban Administrative Building, 11th floor, 75, Santhome High Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, MRC Nagar, Chennai 600 028. Phone: 044 - 29864457, Website : https://tntenders.gov.in

REQUEST FOR PROPSAL (RFP)

The Directorate of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28 invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the eligible Consultancy Firms for engaging consultancy agencies for preparation of City Climate Action Plan for 21 ULBS in four packages under World Bank assisted Tamil Nadu Climate Resilient Urban Development Project.

The objective of the assignment is to prepare City Climate Action Plan including Water Security Plan, Water Business Plan, Drainage Network Plan and Citywide Inclusive Sanitation Plan for 21 ULBs in four packages on cluster basis under the World Bank supported Tamil Nadu Climate Resilient Urban Development Program for Results.

The interested consultancy firm may submit the bids in the prescribed format. The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents and Terms of Reference (ToR) can be downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **04.10.2024 10 am.** Last date of submission of Bid is **06.11.2024 – 03.00 PM**

DIPR/3998/TENDER/2024 **Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28.**

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 :
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 330/SSD-151/S-1/2024/RDSS

Dy. CE/Substation Design/ TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for manufacturing, testing and supply of 33 nos. 20 MVA 66/11KV Power Transformers under Revamped distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to https://gem.gov.in/from 04.10.24 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at **https://gem.gov.in/**

C - 760/24 **76155/12/3520/2023/38173**

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813;
Website: www.pspcl.in; e-tendering portal: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Contact No. 96461-19383, 96461-11036

Tender Enquiry No. :QQ-254/PO-C **Date 01/10/2024.**

Chief Purchase Officer/MM,Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multistorey Building, The Mall, PSPCL invites E-tender of **330 MT** Procurement of ISI/PQM marked MS Black Hexagon Bolts with Nuts of assorted size conforming to IS:1363 & 1367 (with latest amendment) and PSPCL's Specification.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 07.10.2024 from 12:30 PM onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C - 758/24 **76155/12/3517/2023/38170**

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SADALAGA
Taluk: Chikkodi, Dist.: Belagavi

No.: TMCS/SFC(SPL)/2023-24 Date : 30-9-2024

TENDER CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION (KPPP-Portal)

The Chief Officer Town Municipal Council Sadalaga have made corrections in tender work under Special Grant year 2023-24 for technical reasons **Work Indent No.: 29867 not published online instead of that the new indent number : 30822 will be published.** Last date for submission of filled Tenders 08-10-2024 at 4.30 p.m., Date of Opening of Technical Bids : 10-10-2024 at 11.00 a.m., Date of Opening of Financial Bids : 12-10-2024 at 11.00 a.m. for Further information Login to www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in And logon to www.sadalagatown.mrc.gov.in or contact the TMC Office : **Note :** Any changes or correction in tenders will be notified in online website only.

Sd/- Shri Shivanand V. Bhosale, Chief Officer, TMC Sadalaga
Sd/- Shri Subhash S. Sampagavi (KAS), Administrator, TMC Sadalaga

Government of Karnataka
Department of Health & Family Welfare
JEEVASARTHAKATHE (SOTTO)
6th Floor, ArogyaSoudha, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru- 560023.
E-mail: **jeevasarthakathe@gmail.com**, Mob : 9845006768, 23295636/2329563

No : JDM/SOTTO(JSK)/Contract/49/2024-25 **Date: 01/10/2024**

Inviting applications for the various posts under SOTTO (JEEVASARTHAKATHE)

State Organ Tissue & Transplant Organization (SOTTO/Jeevasarthakathe) Society invites eligible candidates for the various vacant posts under SOTTO (JEEVASARTHAKATHE). The posts are temporary and purely on contract basis. For detailed information please refer to **www.jeevasarthakathe.karnataka.gov.in** & **https://hfwcom.karnataka.gov.in/**
Applicants shall submit hard copy of application along with relevant documents to office of Joint Director (Medical) and Member Secretary, SOTTO (Jeevasarthakathe), 6th Floor, Arogya Soudha, Magadi Road, 1s cross, Bengaluru – 560023. Last date for submission of applications is **16/10/2024 at 5.30 PM.**

Sl. No	Post name	Required Qualification & Experience	Consolidated Salary (in Rs) per month	No. of Posts/ Reservation Category	Age upper limit	Work Place
1	Convener	**1)** Must hold a Master's degree recognized by KMC (Foreign degrees like FRCS, MRCP or American Board will be considered) **2)** Must have worked in areas related to organ transplant & Tissue donation, for at least 3 years. Must have sufficient knowledge of Laws related to organ transplant (THOTA 1994 act) **3)**Those from the Government Service: Not less than the rank of Professor or HOD or not below the rank of Joint Director	1,20,000/-	01 GM	65	Head office, Arogya soudha, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - SOTTO
2	Chief Transplant Coordinator	**1)** Essential qualification: MBBS/BDS/M.Sc. (Nursing & Allied Medical Subjects)/MSW. **2)** Should have at least 3 year work experience in Organ and Tissue donation, deceased/ live donor transplant programme. Should have sufficient knowledge of Laws related to organ transplant (THOTA 1994 act) **3)** Preference will be given to candidate having organizational and administrative experience in running the program of organ transplantation.	70,000/-	01 GM	45	Head office, Arogya soudha, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - SOTTO
3	Transplant Coordinator	**1)** Education qualification : a) Graduate of any recognised system of medicine or b) Nurse or c) preferably Master's degree in Social work or Psychiatry or sociology or Social science or Public Health **2)** Must have worked in areas related to transplant for at least 2 years. **3)** Must have sufficient knowledge of Laws related to organ transplant. (THOTA 1994 act)	20,000/-	02 GM-01 SC-01	45	Kalaburagi Zone – 01 Mysuru Zone-01

* Candidates should enclose all the documents/certificates & 1 set of self attested copies (XEROX) , 2 copies of updated CV and latest passport size photos.
* The selection will be made on Merit cum Roster basis & Experience analysis
* In case of unavailability of reserved candidates, preference will be given to general merit candidates.
* Candidates should have speaking, reading, writing proficiency in Kannada and English.
* Candidates must have Basic computer knowledge.
* The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all applications of the notification at any stage of recruitment without assigning any reasons thereof.
* Preference will be given for Full time Regular course and course must be completed from recognized university.
* For the post of Chief Transplant Coordinator , preference will be given in the order of 1. MBBS , 2. BDS , 3. M.Sc. (Nursing & Allied Medical Subjects) and 4. MSW
* For the post of Transplant Coordinator , preference will be given to MSW (Master of Social work) candidates.
* No TA/DA will be admissible for attending the interview..

Sd/-
Joint Director (Medical) and Member Secretary,
SOTTO (Jeevasarthakathe), Bangalore

DIPR/CP/2295/Zen/2024-25

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE, MYSORE
Karnataka Exhibition Authority Premises, Mysuru-570010
Ph: 0821-2424673/74 Email :commr_amh@yahoo.in

No:DAMH/CW/S.T-8/2024-25 **Date: 24.09.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysuru undertakes Consultancy services for Heritage impact assesment for development of tourist amenities at **Single Rock Hill, Ropeway, Madhugiri, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumkur District** can participate in the tender. (DAMH:2024-25/SE0012). Tender documents are can be obtained from e-procurement portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The detailes are as follows.

Last date for clarification regarding the work Date	**Date 05.10.2024 at 17.00 Hours**
Last date for submission of Application Date	**Date 10.10.2024 at 16.00 Hours**
Application Opening of Date	**Date 15.10.2024 at 11.00 Hours**

Sd/- Commissioner,
Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysore

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/639/2024-25

DEPARTMENT OF POWER,
GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Secretary, Power Department
5th Floor, Bidyut Unnayan Bhawan, 3/C LA Block, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal
Email ID: addlsecy.power@wb.gov.in

Department of Power, Government of West Bengal on behalf of the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) invites **Application under Request for Qualification (RFQ)** for the details mentioned hereunder:

Sl. No.	Global Tender Notice No. & Description of Items	Last date of submission of Application
(i)	**1601-POW-13012/2/2024 Dated: 02nd October, 2024 Selection of Bidder for Setting up of (2x800) 1600 MW Thermal Power Project on Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate (DBFOO) basis in the State of West Bengal, India and Power Procurement under Section 63 of Electricity Act Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB)**	**20th November 2024 (up to 12:00 Hrs)**

Tenders are to be submitted online through the website: **https://www.tcil-electronictender.com** Further details of the Tender Notice are available from the website: **www.wbpower.gov.in/ www.wbsedcl.in** and the above-mentioned office **(Ph. No .033-23393681)**

Date: 02/10/2024 **Anjan Chakrabarti**
Place: Salt Lake, Kolkata **Additional Secretary**
ICA- T18314(3)/2024

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

SRM E-Tender Notice

Digitally signed online bids are invited through SRM E-tender process of MSETCL in two bid system from bidders who are registered Electrical Vendors/Contractors of MSETCL for following SRM E-tender;

RFx No.	E-Tender No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost	EMD	Tender Fees
7000033753	T- 37 / 2024-25	Work of replacement of existing 0.4 ACSR conductor along with hardwares by High Performance Conductor (HPC) of 220kV Gangapur - Satana line (Length= 111ckm) for RE power evacuation under Green Energy Corridor (GEC) under Nashik Zone	7682.77 Lakhs (Including GST)	Rs. 76,82,773.83/-	Rs. 25,000/- + GST
7000033757	T- 41 / 2024-25	Work of Replacement of existing conductor with High Ampacity Conductor of 220kV Gangapur - Shivajinagar Line for RE power evacuation under Nashik Zone	5678.04 Lakhs (Including GST)	Rs. 56,78,047.14/-	Rs. 25,000/- + GST
7000033759	T- 43 / 2024-25	Work of Replacement of existing conductor with High Ampacity Conductor of 132kV Manmad - Chalisgaon Line for RE power evacuation under Nashik Zone	2695.71 Lakhs (Including GST)	Rs. 26,95,717.81/-	Rs. 25,000/- + GST

Sale period: 01.10.2024 to 22.10.2024, **Last Date of Submission:** 22.10.2024 up to 13:00 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 23.10.2024 at 11:00Hrs (if possible). **Contact person:** Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik. Phone No. 0253-2403010/02/07 Fax No. 0253-2403000. For further details please visit to **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, EHV PC (O&M), Zone, MSETCL, Nashik

PULSE-CHECK

GETTY IMAGES

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: the public health case for BRCA testing

Breast cancer is considered a public health priority because of its prevalence. Identifying, preventing, and treating hereditary cancer is crucial for public health. Hereditary cancer occurs when an individual inherits a mutation in one of the many cancer-causing genes

Anup Rawool
Vid Karmarkar

Angelina Jolie's case is one of the most recognised in genomic medicine. With a strong family history of cancer, she was found to carry a mutation in the BRCA1, significantly elevating her risk for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (HBOC). In 2013, she opted for a preventive mastectomy and in 2015 for a salpingo-oophorectomy to reduce her risk of cancer.

Early detection allows patients and at-risk family members to access preventive or early detection methods, potentially lowering their risk to that of the general population. Individuals at risk also have options like regular mammograms, chemoprevention, lifestyle changes, and contraceptive and reproductive choices, including prenatal or pre-implantation genetic diagnosis.

Hereditary cancer occurs when an individual inherits a mutation in one of the many cancer-causing genes. These germline mutations increase susceptibility to many cancers of multiple organs. Among more than 300 different inherited cancer syndromes, HBOC is one of the most studied. Most HBOC cases are due to germline mutations in the BRCA1 and the BRCA2 genes (or just BRCA), but several other genes also contribute to the risk.

Inherited mutations cause individuals to be one step closer to cancer. Unlike sporadic cancers, which are responsible for 90% of cases with an average onset age of 60 years, HBOC cancers are relatively rare (accounting for less than 10% of cancer cases) but tend to develop earlier in life. This said, with one in nine Indians at risk of developing cancer in their lifetime and a population of 1.4 billion, a large number of individuals will carry hereditary mutations that increase their predisposition to cancer. Thus, hereditary cancers are an important public health problem in India.

Importance of BRCA testing

Women with BRCA mutations face a 69-72% risk of breast cancer and a 17-44% risk of ovarian cancer by age 80, compared to the general population's lifetime risks of 12% for breast cancer and 1% for ovarian cancer. Preventive interventions such as a prophylactic mastectomy can reduce breast cancer incidence by 90-100% and breast cancer-related deaths by 81-100%. Similarly, prophylactic oophorectomy reduces ovarian cancer risk by 69-100%.

Importantly, researchers have associated germline BRCA mutations with the risk of seven types of cancer – breast, ovarian, prostate, pancreatic, biliary tract, esophageal, and gastric cancers. Their research thus indicates a broader clinical relevance for BRCA genetic testing.

In India, breast cancer incidence is on the rise. It accounts for 27% of all cancer cases, making it the most prevalent cancer among women. BRCA pathogenic variants also cause about 26% of breast cancers and 21-25% of ovarian cancers in the country. In populations with a family history of cancer, BRCA mutations are found in 55% of ovarian cancer cases and 45-65% of hereditary breast cancer cases. Thus, the greatest potential of BRCA testing lies in cancer prevention in addition to its current common use for therapy of advanced cancers.

Thus the key question for equitable breast cancer care is: why wait for cancer to develop when BRCA carriers and their at-risk family members can be identified early to prevent it?

Inequities in BRCA testing

Traditionally, BRCA testing has been offered to individuals based on their family history of cancer. This method misses about half of all actionable cases. Identifying someone with a hereditary mutation only after they develop cancer is a failure of cancer prevention. Following these traditional guidelines perpetuates health inequalities as fewer women at risk of breast cancer are identified.

With advances in next-generation DNA sequencing, genomics, and bioinformatics, large-scale population testing is now technologically feasible and has been implemented in some countries. Transitioning to population testing in India could be a complex but progressive step in preventing breast cancer, increasing BRCA testing uptake, and addressing the limitations of traditional testing models.

Two critical enablers for this approach are public education on the benefits of hereditary cancer risk and the cost of BRCA testing. The latter ranges from ₹15,000 to ₹30,000 in India. This price point may be affordable for higher-income individuals but isn't so for population-level screening. In high-income countries, population-based BRCA screening has proved useful in reducing breast and ovarian cancer incidence and is also considered cost-effective. But in India, despite the decreasing cost of DNA sequencing, the price of BRCA testing remains a barrier, which will exacerbate health inequities in breast cancer care. For any intervention to be sustainable, it must be both cost-effective and affordable.

Breast cancer is considered a public health priority because of its prevalence but also thanks to the availability of effective clinical interventions. Identifying, preventing, and treating hereditary cancer is crucial for public health. Still, the decisions following a positive BRCA result come with significant financial and emotional costs, rendering proper genetic counselling and consultation with a clinical geneticist essential.

Anup Rawool is a clinical and cancer geneticist and the founder of Sahaj Genetics Clinic, Comprehensive Medical Genetics & Counseling Center. Vid Karmarkar is the founder and CEO of Canseva Foundation, which is on a mission to reduce financial toxicity in cancer care.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Gandhi Jayanti is observed every year on October 2, to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Here is a quiz on some of the lesser-known facts about Gandhi

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
Let's start with an easy one. In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 2 as what day?

QUESTION 2
The honorific 'Mahatma' was first applied to Gandhi in which country?

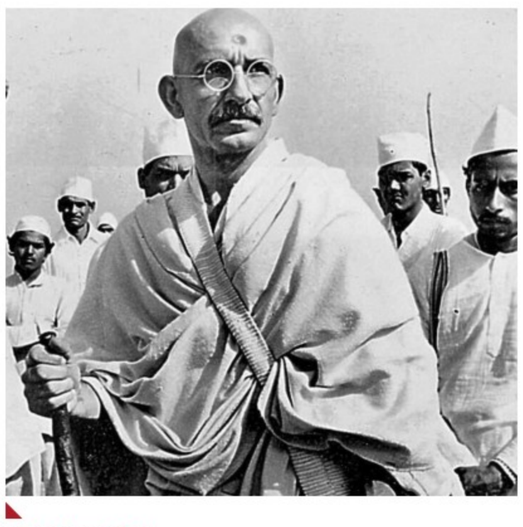
QUESTION 3
In his autobiography, Gandhi said, "It haunted me and I must have acted _____ to myself times without number." This was said in reference to which mythological character?

QUESTION 4
This person was expelled from the London Vegetarian Society because of his views on birth control. Gandhi, who was studying law in Britain at the time and was also a member of the Vegetarian Society, spoke in favour of the said person's right to support contraception, despite being opposed to it. Who was the person?

QUESTION 5
In 1893, Gandhi went to South Africa to work as a lawyer. He stayed in the country for 21 years. During this time, Gandhi briefly returned to India in 1902. Why?

QUESTION 6
Considered Gandhi's first major achievement, this was an agitation in 1917 which pitted the local peasantry against largely Anglo-Indian plantation owners who were backed by the local administration. What was it?

QUESTION 7
Gandhi edited several newspapers. One of them was established when Gandhi was in South Africa. What was it called?



Visual question:
In this image, identify the actor who played the role of Gandhi in the film titled *Gandhi*. The actor also won the Academy Award for Best Actor for the role.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. In 1932, an Olympic team for the Olympics held in this country was financed using coffee. **Ans: Los Angeles**
2. This coffee-growing region is known for its unique "washed" processing method. **Ans: Ethiopia**
3. The world's first webcam was invented as a way to keep an eye on a coffee pot at a university. It was famously called the _____ room coffee machine. **Ans: Trojan**
4. Coffee was banned in Sweden in the 18th century because it was thought to be a threat to public health. **Ans: This statement is true**
5. The Guinness World Record for the largest cup of coffee is held by a Mexico based company. These many kgs of coffee were used during the record attempt. **Ans: 300 kg**
Visual: This country is the world's largest coffee producer. **Ans: Brazil**
Early Birds: Sonali Das| Devendra Singh Chaudhary| Varghese Joseph| M. Suresh| K.N. Viswanathan

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
Upendran

"Did you see the match between Graf and Novotna?
"I did. It was a humdinger, wasn't it?"
"A what?"
"A humdinger. It's an informal word meaning an excellent or marvellous person or thing. For example, I can say, Sunil Verma's latest film is a humdinger."
"I don't know if everyone will agree with that."
"Do you think people would agree if I said that the heroine of the film was a real humdinger."
"They'd agree with you 100 per cent. The heroine was a real hum ... hum ..."
"Humdinger. The first syllable 'hum' rhymes with 'sum' and 'dinger' rhymes with 'ringer' and 'singer.' The stress is on the first syllable "
"So it's pronounced humdinger."
"That's right."
"You know, even before the match between Graf and Novotna had started, I told my grandfather that Graf would win."
"I see."
"And I also predicted that ...."
"Would you please stop tooting your own horn?"
"What?"
"I said would you please stop tooting your own horn?"
"What does it mean?"
"It means stop praising yourself. It is very common these days for politicians to toot their own horn."
"They've always tooted their own horn, haven't they?"
"You're right. Anyway, instead of saying 'toot one's own horn,' we can also say 'blow one's own horn'."
"So 'toot' means 'blow,' does it?"
"When you toot, you blow into a horn and produce a sound."
"That's interesting. 'Toot your own horn' reminds me of another idiomatic expression."
"What's it?"
"I can't recall. But the meaning of this idiomatic expression is to praise one's own abilities'."
"Ah, I think I know the expression you're thinking of."
"Oh please don't tell me. Let me try and remember. Why don't you give me a clue?"
"All right. In the expression 'toot your own horn', replace 'toot' by the word 'blow'."
"Blow your own horn. Blow ... Blow your... I've got it! It's 'blow your own trumpet'."
"Very good."
"Our Principal is well-known for blowing his own trumpet."
"He is like you, isn't he?"
"I certainly do not blow my own trumpet."
"No, you merely toot your own horn. Ha! Ha!"
"That's not funny."
"Sorry."
Published in The Hindu on July 20, 1993.

Word of the day

Druthers:
the right or chance to choose

Synonym: preference

Usage: *Given my druthers, I would eat cake.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/drutherspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈdɹʌðəz/

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IIHR scientist gets UAS-B's national award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The University of Agricultural Sciences-Bangalore honoured Dhananjaya M.V., principal scientist and chief executive officer of BESST-HORT Incubation Centre of the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), with a national award on the occasion of its foundation day on Tuesday.

The Kalaiah Krishnamurthy National Award was presented to the eminent scientist for his research work on gummy stem blight in bottle guard and for developing gummy stem blight-resistant varieties of Arka Shreyas and Arka Ganga in bottle guard for the first time in the country.

Speaking at the event, Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy said, "Only when the agricultural sector is strong can the country achieve development in a stable manner... Agricultural universities need to put in more effort in this regard."

He also said that along with prioritising the development of the agricultural sector, the government is keen on providing scientific and technical support to the sector.

New logo

A new logo of the UAS-B and some new technologies which prioritise Kannada were also released during the event along with a handbook detailing the 60 major events planned across the year as the university steps into its 60th year.

PSI exam to be held under CCTV camera surveillance

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

ENT doctor to be deputed at every centre to prevent any attempt to cheat using very sensitive electronic devices hidden in ears

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has made extensive preparations to conduct the highly anticipated written exam for 402 police sub-inspector (PSI) posts under CCTV camera surveillance on Thursday. Given that in the past, cases were reported where candidates attempted to cheat using very sensitive electronic devices hidden in their ears, one ENT doctor will be deputed at each exam center to monitor such activities.

The exam will be held at 163 centres in cities including Bengaluru, Vijayapura, Shivamogga, Kalaburagi, Dharwad, and Davangere. A total of 66,990 candidates are eligible to take the exam, including 21,875 in Bengaluru alone, according to a press release by KEA Executive Director H. Prasanna.

Strict measures have been implemented to prevent any malpractice. Candidates must be inside the centre at least 30 minutes before the exam starts. Therefore, candidates should arrive early to undergo frisking by the police. Latecomers will not be allowed entry. A dress code is mandatory, he warned. CCTV cameras have been installed in every exam hall, and webcasting will be used to monitor all activities. Jammers have been installed at each center to ensure that no electronic devices, including Bluetooth, function in the vicinity, he said.

A State-level command centre has been set up at the KEA office in Bengaluru, with TVs installed to monitor developments in each exam hall. The entire process of receiving the question paper and unsealing the bundles will be webcast. Additionally, when candidates enter the exam centre, their fingerprints and photographs will be taken and matched online with the images they submitted during the application process.

Aeronautical Development Agency
(Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India)
PB No. 1718, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore-560017

Advt Reference : ADA:ADV-127:2024 — 26-09-2024

FILLING UP OF VARIOUS POSTS IN ADA ON DEPUTATION BASIS

Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) is an Autonomous Body and a Society entrusted with the task of Design and Development of Tejas aircraft (LCA) and AMCA. ADA invites applications from eligible Group 'A' officers of Central Govt or State Govt or Central Autonomous Bodies or Union Territory Administration or Public Sector Undertakings through this notification for filling up the following posts on deputation basis:

Post Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Level	No. of Post(s)	Initial Term of Deputation	Upper Age Limit	Place of Posting
1.	Joint Director (Finance & Accounts)	13	01	03 Years	55 Years	Bangalore
2.	Joint Director (Materials Management)	13	01			
3.	Chief Admin & Legal Officer	12	01			
4.	Chief Maintenance Officer (Civil Work Services & Maintenance)	12	01			

Please log on to **https://www.ada.gov.in** for full details of the advertisement, Eligibility conditions, Qualitative Requirements and Application Format. Applications of eligible and interested officials duly counter-signed by the Cadre Controlling Authority (CCA) alongwith attested photocopies of completed and up-to-date APARs for the last five years (2019-2023) may be sent by Regd./Speed Post to Director (Admin & HR), Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), Vibhuthipura, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore – 560 037 so as to reach ADA by **4th November 2024.**

Director (Admin & HR), ADA

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Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts.

1. Assistant Manager (Mechanical/Utilities)
2. Senior Scientific Officer

Application form and other details are available at https://www.hoclindia.com/careers

Date: 02.10.2024 — -Sd/- CHIEF MANAGER (HR)

Advertisement No. 99/2024
Government of India
Public Enterprises Selection Board invites applications for the post of
Director (Operations)
in
Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
Last date of submission of application by the applicant is by 15.00 hours on
25/10/2024
Last date of forwarding of applications by the Nodal officers to PESB is by 15.00 hours on
04/11/2024
For details login to website
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HINDUSTAN AERONAUTICS LIMITED
HAL Corporate Office
15/1, Cubbon Road, Bengaluru – 560 001

Advt. No. HAL/HR/36(98)/2024/04

HAL, a Navratna Central Public Sector Undertaking, under Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India and a premier Aeronautical Industry of South East Asia, with 21 Production / Overhaul Divisions, 9 co-located R&D Centres and 1 Facility Management Division, spread across the Country, invites Applications for the following Posts in Executive cadre;

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Grade	No. of Posts
1	Dy. General Manager (Flight Operations & Safety)	VII	1
2	Manager (IMM)	IV	4
3	Dy. Manager (IMM)	III	8
4	Dy. Manager (Finance)	III	6
5	Finance Officer	II	9
6	Dy. Manager (HR)	III	8
7	Dy. Manager (PR / Media Communication)	III	3
8	Officer (PR / Media Communication)	II	2
9	Officer (Company Secretariat)	II	1
10	Fire Officer	II	2
	Grand Total		44

Detailed Advertisement is available in HAL Website www.hal-india.co.in. Interested candidates may visit HAL website for further details. Eligible candidates may submit the application through **online from 03.10.2024 to 30.10.2024** as per the instructions given in the detailed Advertisement. Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be hosted on the HAL Website only.

RAILTEL CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Navratna CPSE under Ministry of Railways)
Registered & Corporate Office: Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block-II, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023. website: www.railtel.in,
CIN: L64202DL2000GOI107905

Indicative Notice for Direct Recruitment in RailTel Corporation-Vacancy Notice No. RCIL/2024/P&A/44/4

RailTel Corporation of India Limited, a Navratna Public Sector Undertaking under Government of India, invites applications from Indian Citizens for the following 25 no. of vacancies for its Data Centres at Gurugram and Hyderabad:

- **Deputy Manager/Technical (Database Admin, System Admin, Security):** CTC (approx.) - Rs.12 Lakh + PRP
- **Manager/Technical (Database Admin, System Admin, Security, Devops, IT):** CTC (approx.) - Rs.15 Lakh + PRP
- **Sr. Manager/Technical (Database Admin, System Admin, Security, IT):** CTC (approx.) - Rs.18 Lakh + PRP

The applications in prescribed proforma should reach this office by post latest by 27.10.2024.
The detailed notice and application form for the above vacancy notice may be accesed on RailTel's website https://www.railtel.in/careers.html under 'current job openings' section.

Prinicipal Executive Director/HR

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BHARAT ELECTRONICS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Defence)
(CIN: L32309KA1954GOI000787)

Bharat Electronics Limited, a Navratna Company and India's Premier Professional Electronics Company under the Ministry of Defence, requires the following outstanding personnel on permanent and temporary position for NS (S&CS) SBU, Bengaluru Unit;

Permanent posts: 05

Post	Qualification	Relevant Post Qualification Experience as on 01.10.2024	No. of posts & Reservations	Upper age limit as on 01.10.2024	Pay scale
Senior Engineer E-III	B.E/B.Tech/ M.E/M.Tech in CSE/ Electronics with first class	B.E/B.Tech - Minimum 4 years M.E/M.Tech - Minimum 2 years	UR - 02 OBC - 01 SC - 01 ST - 01 Total - 05	32 years	Rs. 50,000-3%-1,60,000

Temporary posts: 04

Post	Qualification	Relevant Post Qualification Experience as on 01.10.2024	No. of posts & Reservations	Upper age limit as on 01.10.2024	Consolidated remuneration per month
Project Engineer I	BE/B. Tech in CSE/ Electronics with Pass class.	Minimum 2 years	UR - 02 EWS - 01 OBC - 01 Total - 04	32 years	1st year- Rs.40,000/- 2nd year- Rs.45,000/- 3rd year- Rs.50,000/-

Last date of application is **24.10.2024**. For more detailed advertisement & instructions to apply, please visit CAREERS link on the official website **www.bel-india.in.**

Sd/-
Date: 02.10.2024 — **Manager-HR(NS-S&CS)**

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International Coffee Day celebrated in Mysuru

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Coffee growers from Hassan, Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu celebrated International Coffee Day in Mysuru on Tuesday. This is perhaps the first time that planters from the coffee-growing districts in the State came together and organised the programme for coffee enthusiasts of the city.

Shivarathri Deshikendra Swami of Suttur Mutt inaugurated the event organised outside the palace here. The event was attended by the office-bearers of the association and the growers.

Security for Dasara

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Elaborate security arrangements are being rolled out in two phases in Mysuru to ensure law and order and smooth movement of traffic during the Dasara festivities scheduled to be held from October 3 to 12. Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said police and personnel from other districts will come together for bandobust duty during Dasara.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, our client **Mr.Manoj Kumar R.P.**, has lost the original Sale deed dated 04-04-2014, registered as document No.84/ 2014-15, in respect of property bearing Flat No.004, Situated at **Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** at ICICI Bank, Koramangala Branch. Our client had lodged an online police complaint on 01-10-2024, lost report No. 1268212/2024. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos. **9844155041 and 9845363311.**

V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
No. 23, "Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-560027.
Ph : 080-22223949, 9844155041.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: L7245827 dated 20.09.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tender through IREPS only for supply of following items.

Description in brief	Qty	Unit
HTUG cable 3x 240 Sqmm	5500	Mtrs

Last date of submission of bids:
Upto 10.30 Hrs on 16.10.2024
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Material Manager, Hubballi
PUB/472/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. WASIM RAJA M S/o Mr. M. J Moinuddin** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr. JIJI PAREL S/o Mr. P. M Thomas**, any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No. 197/1,** Khatha No. 279/2/197/1, formed in Property No. 279/2 (Old No. 279), Situated at **Marenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk,** measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring **2400 Square Feet** and bounded on the:

East by : Site No. 184/1, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 197, South by : Site No. 197/2

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
M : 9845846428, 9108784843, 080-48658774
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **MRS. R. MANJULA, D/o. Late. M. Ramu, W/o. Late. Ashok Kumar,** aged about 57 years, residing at Jyothipura, Mangondanahalli, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-562110, hereby revoke the General Power of Attorney with immediate effect that is from 23/09/2024 executed on 25/10/2016 in favour of **MR. ARUN. R, S/o. Late. M. Ramu,** aged about 41 years, residing at No.11, 2nd Cross, V. R. Garden, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022 in respect of Residential Property bearing **Site Nos.10 and 11,** Byatarayanapura City Municipal Corporation Panchayath Katha No.53/2, Byatarayanapura City Municipal Corporation Katha No.53/2, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP bearing BBMP Katha No.53/2/10/11, situated at **Jarakabande Kaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** measuring East to West **40 Feet,** North to South **60 Feet** and totally admeasuring **2400 Square** Feet. If any transaction is made by anybody with him, my client is not responsible for the same.

M.J. Law Associates, Advocates,
No.2, First Floor, Chickkanna Complex, Kattigenahalli Bus Stop, Bangalore-560064.
Mob No. : 9901900508.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 22/MYS/2024 of 25.09.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Assistant Divisional Engineer Sakaleshpur Sub division :- Permanent restoration measures at Major land slide location at KM 40/300-400 and slope protection works on vulnerable cutting at KM 40/225-40/450 b/n Ballupete and Sakaleshpur stations (Phase-I)	Rs. 3,38,13,980/-

Last date for Submission of bids :
Upto 11.00 Hrs on 18.10.2024
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-Ordination Mysuru
PUB/470/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that, our clients have proposed to purchase the Schedule property from its present owner **ANAND RATHI GLOBAL FINANCE LIMITED,** As per the order dated 30-11-2022, in Crl.Misc.No.4380/2022, under SARFAESI Act. Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections /claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **7 days** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing **1) Southern Portion of the Site No.20,** measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, along with constructed building thereon. **2) Northern Portion of the Property bearing Site No.20,** measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 45 Feet, along with constructed building thereon, both sites having Subsequent No.P-123, Later.No.254/13, 4th "A" Cross, Lakshminarayanapura, now known as No.13/1, "A" Cross, Nagappa Block, Bangalore, bearing Old P.I.D.No.8-11-13/1, New P.I.D No.076-W0094-17.

V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
No. 23, "Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-560027.
Ph : **98441 55041, 9620579310**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the NOTICE of General Public, that my client **MRS.SUSHMA.R.GOWDA,** W/o. Mr.Pramod.K.Hagadur, Aged about 38 years, AADHAR NO.3843 9000 6590, Residing at No.2475, 17th Main, 25th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 070, intends to purchase the schedule property from **SRI.K.PRASAD,** S/o Late K.Ramanjaneyulu, AADHAR NO.9036 9362 4552.

This notice is hereby given for the information of General public that, earlier owner of the schedule property Sri.D.V.Raghunandan, had lost original Allotment Letter, dated: 28/11/1972, bearing No.B7-1712-BSK-II/72-73, issued by the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board in favour of Sri.T.Thirumalaiah, Original Memo, dated: 03/03/1975, bearing P.R.No.314/74-75, issued by the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board in favour of Sri.T.Thirumalaiah and Original Absolute Sale Deed, dated: 06/01/1989, executed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Represented by its Deputy Secretary in favour of Sri.T.Thirumalaiah, which was registered as Document No.3552/1988-89, of Book - I, Volume – 1202, Pages 157 to 158, registered on 07/01/1989, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore, with respect to the schedule property on 01/03/2021 at about 5.00 p.m. while travelling to advocate office at Cubbonpet, hence he lodged Lost Article Report bearing No.062327/2021, u/s 155 CrPC before the jurisdictional police station and issued Public Notice, dated: 05/03/2021, issued in The New Indian Express and in Hosa Digantha, daily newspaper.

And also this notice is hereby given for the information of General public that, any persons/Banks/Financial institutes having any right, title, share, claim or interest against/in the schedule property may contact me with their documentary/legitimate proof in support of their claim within **10 (ten) days** from the date of this notice. If no claim is so lodged with me within **10 (ten) days** from the date of publication, after which my clients shall proceed with the Absolute Sale Deed on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever, as if the same is free from all kinds of claims/encumbrances and no claim shall be entertained later.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Municipal No.1712 (CITB No.1712, Situated at **Banashankari Second Stage Extension, Bangalore),** Presently Situated at **Fourteenth Main, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore,** Corporation Ward No.165 (Old Ward No.56), PID No.56-75-1712, within the limits and administration of Ganeshmandir Ward, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Measuring : East to West **60 feet** and North to South **40 feet**, in all admeasuring **2400 Sq.feet,** and bounded on the:-

East by : Property bearing CITB No.1721, West by : Road, North by : Property bearing CITB No.1711, South by : Property bearing CITB No.1713.

Mrs.M.Manjula, Advocate
No.C-1, 1st Floor, Maruthi Pearl Plaza,
D.V.G.Road, Basavanagudi,
Bengaluru-560004. Mob : 9945027091.

कार्यालय नगर परिषद्, बिश्रामपुर।

Email Id – nagarpanchayatbishrampur2010@gmail.com

Corrigendum

कार्यालय नगर परिषद्, बिश्रामपुर अंतर्गत प्रकाशित PR.334358 (District) 24-25*D में निविदा सं0 UDD/NPB/23/2024-25 में निम्न रूप से आंशिक संशोधन किया जाता है–

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Year	*Total Waste Generation TPD*	*Total Corrected Waste Generation read as follow*
2024	*12.5*	*23.61*
2025	*13.0*	*24.63*
2026	*13.5*	*25.65*
2027	*14.0*	*26.67*
2028	*14.5*	*27.68*
2029	*15.0*	*28.70*
2030	*15.5*	*29.72*
2031	*16.0*	*30.74*
2032	*16.5*	*31.76*
2033	*17*	*32.78*
2034	*17.50*	*34.36*
2035	*18.0*	*35.93*
2036	*18.5*	*37.51*
2037	*19.0*	*39.09*
2038	*19.5*	*40.67*
2039	*20.0*	*42.24*
2040	*20.5*	*43.82*
2041	*21.0*	*45.40*
2042	*22.0*	*46.98*
2043	*22.5*	*48.55*
2044	*23.0*	-
5	**Last Date/Time Of Online Submission Of Bids**	**03.10.2024 at 04:00 PM**
6	**Date Of Bid Opening**	**04.10.2024 at. 04:00 PM**

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PR 337858 District(24-25)D

CAUTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Members of the General Public on behalf of my clients **(1) Ms F.Elizabeth,** wife of B.John Sunderaj, presently residing at No.38, Moore Road, 3rd Cross, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560 005, **(2) Ms F.Christina,** wife of Harry Babu, presently residing at "Immanuel", No.5, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajapuram Extension, Bangalore-560 084, **(3) Ms F.Esther alias Nivedha,** wife of Vijay Kumar R, presently residing at No.32, 5th "B" Cross, Chikkabanaswadi, Bangalore-560 047, **(4) Mr F. Jacob,** son of S.Francis, presently residing at No.5, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajapuram Extension, Bangalore-560 084, **(5) Mr F. Alexander,** son of S Francis, presently residing at No.5, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajapuram Extension, Bangalore-560 084 and **(6) Mr F.David,** son of S Francis, presently residing at No.5, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajapuram Extension, Bangalore-560 084, that their father **S.Francis** being the son of the late Sebastian Reddy, presently residing at No.5, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajapuram Extension, Bangalore-560 084 is attempting to sell the Schedule mentioned properties with fraudulent documentation and misrepresentations. He has no manner of right, title or interest in the said Schedule Properties which are properties sub judice in **O.S No.1226/2014 and O.S No.1330/2020** on the file of the Hon'ble Additional City Civil Judge, Bangalore City. The General Public are therefore hereby cautioned against dealing with the aforesaid **S.Francis** in respect of the Schedule Properties and my clients who are the real owners thereof shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss, hardship or inconvenience caused to any of you if you choose to deal with the said Schedule Properties in any manner whatsoever despite this Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of properties bearing Site No.136 and 137, Assessment No.34, Khatha No.742 situated at Lingarajapuram Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Ward No.49, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2400 square feet and bounded as follows:-

Property No. 136 (measuring 1200 sqft)	**Property No. 137 (measuring 1200 sqft)**
EAST BY: Site 135, WEST BY: Road	EAST BY: Site 134, WEST BY: Road
NORTH BY: Site No.137, SOUTH BY: Road	NORTH BY: Site 138, SOUTH BY: Site 136

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01.10.2024

Sd/-
Mr.P.C.Narasimhaiah, Advocate
No.17, B.S.A Road (Tannery Road), Viviani Cross Road (Near Jain Temple), Fraser Town, Bangalore-560 005. Mobile No. 9448764853

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो

ई–प्रोक्युरमेंट सूचना
(एस0बी0डी0 आधारित अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा)
ई–निविदा प्रसंग संख्या– RCD/BOKARO/1234/F.Y. 2024-25
दिनांक–01.10.2024

1.	कार्य का नाम	पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो अन्तर्गत "रहावन झुमरा पथ (कुल लम्बाई 10.65 कि0मी0) के IRQP कार्य", वर्ष 2024–25.
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	रू0 9,52,90,900.00 (नौ करोड़ बावन लाख नब्बे हजार नौ सौ रूपये) मात्र।
3.	कार्य पूर्ण होने की अवधि	03 (तीन) माह।
4.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन होने की तिथि एवं समय	07.10.2024, 12.00 बजे दोपहर।
5.	बिड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	14.10.2024, 12.00 बजे दोपहर तक।
6.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
7.	प्रोक्युरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	06542–265569
8.	ई–प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	0651–2400210

नोट :– प्राक्कलित राशि घट बढ़ सकती है।
विस्तृत ब्यौरा के लिए वेबसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता हैं।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पथ निर्माण विभाग,पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो

PR 337729 Road(24-25).D

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RCD, ROAD DIVISION, JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND

Very Short e-Procurement Notice
For National Competitive Bidding
Very Short e-Tender Reference No. RCD/JAMSHEDPUR/1749
Date- 01.10.2024

1.	Name of the work	IRQP of Kerukocha (ON NH-33) To Bengal Border via Birsa Chowk ,Simdi,Shantinagar road (Length- 27.49 K.M.) for thr year-2024-25
2.	Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)	Rs 16,63,41,549.95 (Rupees Sixteen Crore Sixty three Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Forty Nine and paisa Ninety Five Only)
3.	Initial Bid Security (Rs In Lacs)	Rs 16.64 Lakh (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Sixty Four Thousand only).
4.	Initial Bid Security in the shape of	Initial Bid Security - As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
5.	Cost of Bidding documents	Rs 10,000 (Rs Ten Thousand) only.
6.	Time of Completion	08 (Eight Months)
7.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	04.10.2024 at 12.30 P.M.
8.	Start date of bidding	04.10.2024 from 12.30 P.M.
9.	Last date & Time for online bidding	14.10.2024 up to 02.00 PM.
10.	Type of Bid	Two envelope mode (Technical and FinancialBid)
11.	Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in Online form	14.10.2024 Through e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
12.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	15.10.2024 at 3.00 PM by e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3rd floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi
13.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur, Road No.- 1, CH Area.
14.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0657-2227724
15.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Above informations are only indicative. Detail NIT & SBD publised on Tender portal shall be final and mandatory. Details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur

PR.NO.337807 Road(24-25):D

E-Procurement cell
Office of the Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad Mihijam, Jharkhand
Urban Development & Housing Department

e-procurement Notice, Very Short Tender notice
NIT No. – 05/2024-25, Date:-01.10.2024

SL. No.	E-TENDER REF NO.	NAME OF WORK	TENDER VALUE	TIME OF COMPLETION	EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT	BID DOCUMENT FEES
1	NPM/ SBD/02/ 2024-25	मिहिजाम नगर परिषद अन्तर्गत फुटबॉल स्टेडियम निर्माण	49064100.00	12 Month	490641.00	10000.00
2	Date of Publication of tender on website			04.10.2024		
4	Closing date and time for receipt of tender on website			08.10.2024 at 11.00 AM		
5	Opening date and time of opening of technical bid			09.10.2024 at 11.00 AM		
6	Name and address of office inviting tender			Office of Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad Mihijam		
7	Helpline number of e-procurement cell			+91 7261817234		

NOTE: AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL TENDER WITHOUT SIGHTING ANY REASON THEREOF. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE SEEN ON WEBSITE HTTP://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Officer
Nagar Parishad Mihijam

PR 337822 Urban Development and Housing(24-25)#D

Govt. of Jharkhand
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
e-mail--- eercdapfsdran-jhr@nic.in

e-Procurement Very Short Notice

e-Tender Reference No .-RCD/FSD /AP/ RAN/**31**/24-25 Dated **30.09.2024**

1-	Name of Work	Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed project report for construction of road- Amtalla (Shivgadi-Dahuajor RCD road) to Neemgachi (Maharajpur-Sharmapur RCD road) road including replacement of culverts and bridges, proposal of new culverts and bridges, complete Land Acquisition Proposal including ownership details, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal and Forest Diversion Proposal including clearance of all stages etc as required all complete as per latest guidelines, at Sahebganj in the state of Jharkhand. from Consultants empanelled in the State of Jharkhand. from Consultants empanelled in Category-I with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no -3063(S) W.E dated 22-08-2022 are allowed to bid.
2-	Work completion time	45 Days
3-	Tentative Length	10.00 km
4-	Cost of Tender Document & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Cost of Tender Document**: - Rs 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) (Non-Refundable) through online mode only. **EMD** :- Rs- 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) through online mode only. As per the Departmental Letter no.-4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit will be received in online mode only through e-procurement portal (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) by Internet banking/ NEFT/ RTGS facility as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no- 120 dated 03.10.2023.
5-	Date and Time of Publishing of Tender on official website	04.10.2024, 05.00 PM
6-	Last date and Time of submission of Tender (With Tender Fee and EMD)	14.10.2024, 12.30 PM
7-	Date and Timing of Bid opening	15.10.2024, 12.30 PM
8-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhavan, 56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002, Mobile No-8051090751
9-	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

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Executive Engineer
Field Survey Division,A.P
Road Construction Department,Ranchi .

PR 337813
Road(24-25)D

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RCD, ROAD DIVISION,JAMSHEDPUR,JHARKHAND

Very Short e-Procurement Notice
For National Competitive Bidding
Very Short e-Tender Reference No. RCD/JAMSHEDPUR/1743
Date- 01.10.2024

1.	Name of the work	(A) IRQP of Ghatshila Link Road (Length-1.175 KM), (B) IRQP of Ghatshila Market to Kashida Chowk on NH-33 & Extending the Other Part to Civil SDO Office (Length-3.383 KM), (C) IRQP Work For Ghatshila ROB Approach Road For the Year 2024-25(Length-1.0685KM), (D) IRQP of Road From Hathizobra Bridge to R.O.B. at Ghatshila (Length-1.20 KM) (Total Length-6.8265 KM) for the year 2024-25
2.	Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)	Rs 3,59,33,048.47 (Rupees Three Crore Fifty nine Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Forty Eight and paisa Forty Seven Only)
3.	Initial Bid Security (Rs In Lacs)	Rs 3.60 Lakh (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Thousand only).
4.	Initial Bid Security in the shape of	Initial Bid Security - As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
5.	Cost of Bidding documents	Rs 10,000.00 (Rs Ten Thousand) only.
6.	Time of Completion	04 (Four Months)
7.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	04.10.2024 at 12.30 P.M.
8.	Start date of bidding	04.10.2024 from 12.30 P.M.
9.	Last date & Time for online bidding	14.10.2024 up to 02.00 PM.
10.	Type of Bid	Two envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)
11.	Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in Online form	14.10.2024 Through e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
12.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	15.10.2024 at 3.00 PM by e-Procurement cell, Office of The Chief Engineer (Comm), RCD, Jharkhand, 1st Floor, Engineer's Hostel No. 2, Near Dhurwa Golchakkar, Ranchi.
13.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur, Road No.- 1, CH Area.
14.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0657-2227724
15.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

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Executive Engineer
RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur

PR 337815 Road(24-25).D

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective owners of lands situated at Karappanahalli Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, which are more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Schedule Property**". Our client ("**Client**") is desirous of entering into a sale transaction with the respective owners of the Schedule Property who have represented to our client that they are the absolute owners of their respective extents in the Schedule hereunder with rights of alienation over the same.

ALL persons including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non- banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, succession, family arrangement, grant, possession, lease, sub-lease tenancy, sub-tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, covenant, settlement right of way, lis pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, order/decree/ judgement of court or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road Bengaluru 560 025 within a period of ***14 (Fourteen) days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the sale transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Sy No.	Extent A	Extent G	Boundaries: East By	West By	North By	South By	Present Owners
				Karapanahalli				
1	23		20	Land belonging to Prakash Reddy	Land belonging to Venkateshappa	Land belonging to Govindaraj	Land belonging to K. M Krishnappa	K C Narayanappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
2	23 (Old Sy No.23/P51)	1	00	Land belonging to P Bairyappa	Land belonging to Biyamma	Land belonging to Jayaram	Land belonging to Kunta Nanjappa	K M Ashwathaiah
3	166 (Old Sy No.23/P3)	1	00	Land belonging to C.G Prakash Reddy & Shivanapura Village Boundary	Land belonging to Nagarathanamma	Land belonging to C.G Prakash Reddy	Land belonging to S.M Rudrappa	M. Venkateshappa Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
4	175 (Old Sy No.23/P14)	1	00	Land belonging to P Ambarish	Land belonging to Munigangamma	Land belonging to Kadiramma	Land belonging to Dodda Narayanappa	Sadappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
5	181 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Munigangamma	Land belonging to Ramakka	Land belonging to C Muniraju	Land belonging to K C Narayanappa	Chanappa @ Pilla chenappa Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
6	185 (Old Sy No.23/P65)		20	Land belonging to Ambhujakshamma	Land belonging to Lakshamma	Land belonging to B Muniyappa	Land belonging to Krishnamma	K M Ashwathaiah
7	192 (Old Sy No.23/P79)		23	Land belonging to Muninarayanappa	Land belonging to Muniyappa	Land belonging to Narayanappa	Land belonging to Venkataramanappa	Muninanjamma
8	194 (Old Sy No.23/P60)		20	Land belonging to P Ambarish	Land belonging to Thippamma	Land belonging to Prakash Reddy	Land belonging to Syed Asif	Thimmaiah Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
9	196 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Nagarajappa	Land belonging to Pilla Venkatappa	Land belonging to K V Channakrishnappa	Land belonging to Nayaz Ahmed	Chikkathayamma Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
10	205 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Muniraj	Land belonging to Akkayamma	Land belonging to Muninarayanappa	Land belonging to Venkataramanappa	Channakrishnappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
11	210 (Old Sy No.23/P58)		20	Land belonging to Sampangappa	Land belonging to Ramasubbarao	Land belonging to Munirammaiah	Land belonging to Muniyappa & Jayaram	Rajashekaraiah Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
12	182 (Old Sy No.23/P2)	1	00	Land belonging to Kallappa & Muniyappa	Land belonging to Govindaraju	Land belonging to Ambarish	Land belonging to Kundelappa	Laxman @ K Lakshman Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
13	199 (Old Sy No.23/P9)	1	00	Land belonging to Muniyappa	Land belonging to Nayaz Ahmed	Land belonging to Narayanappa	Land belonging to Lakshmanna	Anjinappa & Others Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
14	206 (Old Sy No.23/P54)		20	Land belonging to Chenappa	Land belonging to Ramesh	Land belonging to Muniyappa	Land belonging to N Ramakrishna	Narayanamma & Others Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
15	188 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Venkatesh	Land belonging to Nayaz Ahmed	Land belonging to Venkateshappa	Land belonging to Chennaryappa	Muninanjappa & Others Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
16	197 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Kalpana	Land belonging to Muninarayanappa	Land belonging to S M Rudrappa	Land belonging to Muniyappa	M Narayanappa & others Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
17	213 (Old Sy No. 23)	1	00	Land in Survey No. 23	Land in Survey No. 23	Land in Survey No. 23	Land in Survey No. 23	Parvathamma
18	23	1	00	Land belonging to Dodda Narayanappa	Land belonging to Syed Asif and Venkatamma	Land belonging to Thippamma	Land belonging to K C Narayanappa	Lakshmidevi Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
19	198 (Old No. 23)		20	Land belonging to Muninarayanappa	Land belonging to Berikappa	Land belonging to Venkataramappa	Land belonging to Narayanappa Channarayappa	Venkateshappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
20	201 (Old Sy No.23/P-40)		20	Land belonging to Venkatesh	Land belonging to Chennappa	Land belonging to Berikappa	Land belonging to P Ramachandrappa	Venkataramanappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
21	200 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Muniraju C	Land belonging to K V Channakrishnappa	Land belonging to Muniyamma	Land belonging to Muninarayanappa	Venkataramanappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
22	207(Old Sy No.23/P16)	1	00	Land belonging to Rathnamma	Land belonging to Narayanappa	Land belonging to Manjulamma	Private Property	N Ramakrishna Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
23	168 (Old Sy No.23)	1	00	Shivanapura Village Boundary	Land belonging to P Ambarish	Land belonging to S M Rudrappa	Land belonging to P Ambarish	Anjinappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
24	169 (Old Sy No.23/p-34)	1	00	Land belonging to Venkatamma	Land belonging to Nagappa	Land belonging to Nawaz Ahmed	Land belonging to Venkataramanappa	Gayathri P w/o late P Ramachandra Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
25	178 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Narayanappa	Land in Survey No. 161 belonging to K V Munirajappa	Land belonging to K C Narayanappa	Land belonging to Muniraju C	Doddarathnamma Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
26	23 (Old No. 23/P4)	1	00	Land belonging to Shivanapura Village Boundary	Land belonging to Muniyappa	Land belonging to Dodda Muniyappa	Land belonging to P Ambarish	S M Rudrappa Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
27	195 (Old No. 23)		20	Land belonging to Munishami	Land belonging to Venkatamma	Land belonging toTimmaiah	Land belonging to Muniyappa	Ramakka Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
28	177 (Old No. 23/P-12)	1	00	Land belonging to Kadiramma	Land belonging to Narayanappa	Land belonging to Dodda Narayanappa	Land belonging to Munigangamma	Muniyappa Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
29	208 (old No. 23)	1	14	Land belonging to Narasappa	Land belonging to Berikappa	Land belonging to Nagappa	Land belonging to Venkateshappa	Subramani & Others Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
30	172 (Old No. 23/P11)	1	00	Land belonging to G Narayanappa	Land belonging to Muninganga mma	Land belonging to Muniyamma	Land belonging to Utthanalleppa	P Ambarish S/o Late Puttappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
31	190 (Old No.23)		20	Land belonging to Munishamappa	Land belonging to Muniyappa	Land belonging to Devraj	Land belonging to Kyalanoor Muniyappa	Gangappa S/o Jaladappa Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
32	174 (Old No.23/P10)	1	00	Land belonging to Mr. Rudrappa	Land belonging to Mr. Sadappa	Land belonging to Mrs. Gouramma & Mr. Venkataramanappa	Land belonging to Mr Ramaiah	Nagarathnamma W/o Shivashankar Achar Rep by GPA Holder Evergreen Heights LLP
33	173 (Old No.23/P5)	1	00	Shivanapura Village Boundary	Land belonging to Mr. P Ambarish	Land belonging to Mr. Guraiah	Land belonging to Mr. P Ambarish	Mr. P Ambarish S/o Late Puttappa Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
34	180 (Old Sy No.23)		20	Land belonging to Narayanappa	Land belonging to Thimmaiah	Land belonging to Pillachannappa	Land belonging to Doddarathnamma	Muniraj & Others Rep by GPA Holder Akkruthi Ecospaces LLP
35	193 (Old Sy No.23)		20

‘Ola has to act against its drivers under PoSH Act on sexual harassment plaints’

High Court orders company to pay ₹5 lakh as compensation to a victim for failing to act on her complaint in 2018 citing that drivers are not its employees

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court passed the order while partly allowing a petition filed in 2019 by a 22-year-old woman.

The High Court of Karnataka has held that the relationship between ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (a company which operates taxi aggregator and other services under the brand name Ola) and its drivers is that of employee-employer, and hence the company has to act under the law enacted to protect women from sexual harassment at workplaces when complaints of sexual harassment are received against its drivers.

Also, the court directed Ola to pay a compensation of ₹5 lakh and litigation expenses of ₹50,000 to a victim woman, whose complaint of sexual harassment was not dealt under the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Woman at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (commonly known as PoSH Act) as the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of the company declined to act under its provisions, claiming that drivers are not “employees” of Ola.

However, the court, on analysis of various terms and conditions in Ola’s ‘Subscription Agreement’ with the drivers and the terms of the agreement between Ola and the rider-subscriber, has held that the relationship between Ola and its drivers comes well within the purview the definition of “employees-employer” under the PoSH Act.

Justice M.G.S. Kamal passed the order while partly allowing a petition filed in 2019 by a 22-year-old woman. As the ICC had not acted on her complaint made in August 2018, the victim had lodged a complaint with the police as well as filed a petition complaining about the conduct of the ICC of Ola. The incident of sexual harassment occurred on August 23, 2018, morning when the woman was travelling to her workplace in J.P. Nagar from Yelahanka in a OLA cab.

The incident

The victim had alleged that a driver, who had impersonated the actual driver of the cab allotted to her, was watching a pornographic video on his phone and had intentionally held the phone in a manner to ensure that the pornographic video was visible to her. Not only that, but the driver was also simultaneously masturbating and was staring at her through the rear-view mirror in a manner that made her extremely uncomfortable and scared.

Meanwhile, the court pointed out that Ola had violated the provisions of the Karnataka on Demand Transportation Technology Aggregator Rules, 2016, which mandates that any untoward incident occurring during the course of a ride, the licensee should inform the same to the licensing authority as well as to the jurisdictional police immediately, as Ola had not informed either of them about the complaint lodged by the petitioner.

Stating that “situation of a person as that of the petitioner, who was seized and captivated in a moving vehicle with a person, unauthorised/impersonator, having devilish intent, motive and design cannot even be comprehended,” the court said Ola and its ICC brazenly and without any scant regard breached and violated its safety assurances provided to the rider-subscribers.

Penalty

Meanwhile, the court directed the Additional Commissioner for Transport and the Secretary of the State Transport Authority to personally pay a penalty of ₹1 lakh as the authority did not file its response to the victim’s petition for five years.

1,854 unscheduled power interruptions in Bescom jurisdiction in September

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

A file photo of power lines in Bengaluru. As Bescom continues to maintain that its interruptions are mostly scheduled, citizens argue that it is not the case.

“The eyes of the whole world are on Bengaluru. Hence, it is our responsibility to provide good quality electricity to the citizens here,” Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar recently said at an event.

But, over the last weekend, citizens in many parts of Bengaluru experienced long hours of power interruptions after a spell of rain.

As the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) continues to maintain that its interruptions are mostly scheduled, citizens argue that it is not the case.

“We did not have power for almost six hours between Saturday and Sunday after it rained. We lodged multiple complaints with Bescom on their helpline as well as on social media. But restoration of power took many hours anyway,” said Vani K., a resident of BTM Layout.

According to the data provided by the power utility, 1,854 unscheduled interruptions occurred in its jurisdiction in September.

“Unscheduled interruptions usually occur due to weather-related events. When it rains or there are gusty winds, infrastructure gets damaged, or the connection trips. Hence, the supply gets affected,” said an official from Bescom.

However, citizens question why this happens every time it rains. “On Saturday night, as soon as the rain intensified, I heard an explosion-like sound from the transformer near my house. Within a few minutes, that sound was repeated. We did not have power the whole night after that,” said Shankuntala D., a resident of Marutinagar “This is not the first time we have witnessed something like this in our locality. One of their apparatuses had also caught fire once when it rained.”

Experts say that poor maintenance of infrastructure has remained a problem for years now with little improvement.

“They blame monsoon, but monsoon is not a new phenomenon. They should start maintenance before monsoon and ensure that such damage does not occur. As a government company, they cannot be giving excuses,” said M.G. Prabhakar, former member of the advisory committee, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission. “As consumers, we pay fixed charges for 24 hours of power supply. It is their responsibility to provide us quality, continuity and reliability.”

NIA recovers IED from Assam following arrest of ULFA member from Jigani

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major operation following the arrest of a terror suspect allegedly associated with the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) from Jigani here recently, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday recovered a live IED from Lakhimpur district of Assam which was reportedly placed by ULFA (I) terrorists as part of their Independence Day disruption conspiracy. The IED was later defused by the Bomb Disposal Squad of Assam Police.

The NIA found out about the bomb during investigation into a case relating to the previous recovery of IEDs from North Lakhimpur district by Assam Police on August 15. The state police had swung into action following the release of a video by Paresh Baruah, declaring a ‘military’ protest by the banned terror outfit across Assam on I-Day. He had also called for a public boycott of the Independence Day celebration, warning of dire consequences if people disobeyed the instructions.

The NIA, which took over the investigation from the state police on September 17, claimed that it found out that the ULFA (I) leadership had coordinated the placement of several IEDs with the intention to trigger blasts at multiple locations across Assam to protest against the celebrations of Independence Day 2024, and to strike terror in the minds of people, as part of a larger conspiracy.

Investigations allegedly revealed the involvement of one Girish Baruah and his associates in the movement and placement of IEDs in North Lakhimpur district. Baruah was traced and arrested by NIA from Bengaluru on September 24 and had, on examination, disclosed the location of the live as yet unrecovered IED in North Lakhimpur, NIA claimed.

The NIA said the terror suspect told them that the IEDs had been arranged and planted at the behest of Aishang Asom and other top leadership of ULFA (I). Further investigations in the case are ongoing.

FIR against inspector

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The J.P. Nagar police have registered an FIR against an inspector working with the Criminal Investigation Department for allegedly misusing seized property while he was working as inspector at the J.P. Nagar station.

Based on a complaint filed by the present inspector, Radhakrishna T.S., the FIR was registered against his predecessor, Hitendra M.S., charging him with criminal breach of trust. Mr. Radhakrishna assumed charge as inspector, J.P. Nagar, in April 2022. Despite several reminders, the outgoing inspector failed to hand over the properties, including pen drives, digital evidence, cash, gold ornaments, and sensitive documents in over 24 cases.

When the court asked about the details of the property, the matter was brought to the notice of the DCP(South), who issued a notice to Mr. Hitendra on May 22, 2024. He did not respond, following which legal action began. The police will now issue a notice to Mr. Hitendra to appear before the investigating officer for questioning.

Art in Transit to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti with conversations around clothes, textiles

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Fabric Footprints, a new initiative by Art in Transit, a public art and pedagogic initiative facilitated by the Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology (SMI) Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL), will be held in the city to mark Gandhi Jayanti.

The event, which will be held in Cubbon Park Metro Station on Wednesday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., seeks to “celebrate the philosophy of Khadi and the importance of such handmade, self-resilient textile systems for economic freedom and self-sufficiency.”

According to Swati Maskeri, Head of Studies, Industrial Arts & Design Practices, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design & Technology, industrial textile systems are extractive – polluting ecosystems and perpetuating unsustainable practices for decades.

Revisiting cultural modes

“The urgency to revisit our cultural modes of production, consumption, repair, and reuse has never been more pressing. What better a moment to reflect on this than the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, whose understanding of people and the planet as part of the moral economy was far ahead of its time,” she says, adding that Gandhi’s promotion of spinning, weaving, and khadi was not just an economic or political statement but a profound ecological act.

“Gandhiji’s legacy teaches us that true independence and sustainability begin with how we engage with the resources of our planet,” believes Ms. Maskeri.

Numerous small exhibits, activities and workshops will form part of *Fabric Footprints*. These include a mend-and-make workshop designed to teach people to mend and revitalise their damaged clothes, a community weaving workshop, which celebrates the essence of Bhavani Jamakkalam, a traditional woven carpet from Erode, Tamil Nadu, an eco-printing workshop that attempts to capture Bengaluru’s plant life, an exhibit of Deccani Wool by the Centre for Pastoralism and a Brown Cotton exhibit by the Karnataka-based Udaanta Trust.

Preparations under way for Fabric Footprints, a new initiative by Art in Transit, to be held in Bengaluru on Wednesday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Fast fashion and waste

Yash Bhandari, Faculty, Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, says that at a time when fast fashion’s contribution to textile waste, particularly with non-recyclable polyester, is significant, “we would like to encourage a culture of personalisation, repair, and repurposing.”

The initiative’s vision extends to creating convenient, everyday spaces for mending and customising fibre textiles, thus making sustainable fashion accessible to all, says Bhandari. “It’s up to each of us to realise it across the world in whatever little way we can, starting with our own wardrobe.”

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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL & SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-11)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO.7031 OF 2022
Hg. 12/11/2024
Between :
ICICI Bank Limited,
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007. And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001. And represented by its POA Holder, Mr. M. Rohit Ali, S/o Ishrath Ali M. Aged about 25 years, ...Plaintiff
And
Miss Ashita Abhya Kumar S/o Abhay Kumar, Aged about 31 years, R/a 87, 3rd Cross, P & T Colony, R.T. Nagar, Near Water Tank, Bengaluru- 560 032. ...Defendant
Summons/Notice through Paper Publication
To,
Miss. Ashita Abhya Kumar S/o Abhay Kumar, Aged about 31 years, R/a 87, 3rd Cross, P & T Colony, R.T Nagar, Near Water Tank, Bengaluru- 560 032. ...Defendant
WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount Rs. 4,43,784/- together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble City Civil & Session Judge Court (CCH-11), At Bengaluru, in person or by a Advocate/ Pleader on 12/11/2024 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE".
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 20th day of September, 2024.
By the Order of the court
Senior Shenistetar
City Civil Court Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate
No.177/1, (88), 1st Floor,
Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet
Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 002

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JEEVITA Kaliya Murthy Chitra, R/o No.6, K.Muniswamappa Road, Near Lakshmi Party Hall, Ramaswamy Palya, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560033, have changed my name to Jeevita Merlin, vide affidavit dt: 30.09.2024 before Notary C.Santhosh, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE SUB COURT, KOCHI
in
E.P. NO. 1 OF 2023
in
O.S. NO.101 OF 2013
Thomas and another : Plaintiffs.
Vs.
Cicily and others : Defendants.
DRAFT NOTICE OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Late M L Antony, Aged 68, S/o M T Lawrence, No.88, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Thalakavery Layout, Basawa Nagar, Bengalore-560037, is the 9th defendant in EP1/23 in OS 101/2013 is posted on 28-10-24 date for hearing. This is to inform legal heirs of above late M.L Antony appear before sub court Kochi on 28-10-24 at 11am
Sd/-
T.B.Mini
Advocate

IN THE COURT OF THE XVII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH16)
O. S. No. 7136 / 2022
BETWEEN: Smt. Annapurna, Aged about 45 years, W/o. B R Rangaswamaiah, Residing at No. 60/1, Near Usha Hospital, Renuka Nagar, Doddaballapura Road, Nelamangala Town, Bengaluru Rural District-562123. : PLAINTIFF
AND: Mrs. Nirmala and others. DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.1 AND 2 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1-A) OF CODE OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908
To, 1. Mrs. Nirmala, W/o. R.S. Mallegowda, Aged about 47 years. : DEFENDANT No.1
2. Mr. Mallegowda R.S. S/o. Siddananjappa, Aged about 58 years, : DEFENDANT No.2
Both are residing at No. 16/A, Shri Kanteshwara krupa, 4th Main Road, 2nd Cross Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Hesaraghatta Main Road, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560 057
Whereas, the above named plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for directing you to pay a sum of Rs. 3,69,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty-Nine Thousand Only) jointly and severally along with interest of Rs. 18% till the realization of outstanding amount along with the cost of th suit, and you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader on 30/10/2024, at 11.00 AM to answer the claim; and you are directed to produce all the documents upon which you intended to rely in support of your defense.
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 20th day of September, 2024.
By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristadar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff : LAWYERS GUILD, Advocates, # 116/1, 1st Floor, Lakshmi Nivas, 11th Cross, West Park Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003. Mob: 94480 03984 / 98804 24104
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LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER V, RULE 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
IN THE COURT OF MS. VINEETA GOYAL, DISTRICT JUDGE
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CASE NO. CS (Comm.)/809/2022
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Surrender of MUDA sites: A move to circumvent interrogation?

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who has fashioned himself as the champion of AHINDA, is unlikely to throw in the towel easily, much less go down without fighting

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

The decision of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi to surrender 14 sites allotted by the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is being viewed as a face saving exercise by the Chief Minister's family and possibly an effort to avoid interrogation of Ms. Parvathi, who has so far abstained from public appearances and media glare.

Many in the political circles have questioned the timing of the surrender of sites and argued that it was a decision taken probably to delay the process of investigation, questioning/ searches of the residences of the Chief Minister and his family members by the officials of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Mysuru Lokayukta, and gain public sympathy.

Role of Governor, ED

Though a Congress party functionary termed the surrender of sites as "better late than never", Mr. Siddaramaiah finds himself in a sticky situation following complaints from three social activists, with the Governor taking action on them with alacrity, and endorsement from the judiciary. In other non-BJP ruled States, interventions by Central agencies such as CBI, IT/ED have played a critical role in arrest, such as in the case of Aam Aadmi Party chief and former Delhi Chief Minister Aravind Kejriwal and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren in different alleged scams. They were jailed for varying periods.

The Opposition termed the decision to surrender sites as "confession of guilt" by the Chief Minister, who first denied a debate on the issue in the Legislative Assembly claiming that he had done nothing wrong. He even said that his family would have to be paid a compensation of ₹62 crore for encroachment of his family's 3.16 acres land by the MUDA if the sites have to be returned. He has consistently been ruling out resignation since the alleged scam broke out.

It is also argued that the issue, which has now blown up, might have fizzled out when if it was allowed to be debated in the legislature and Mr. Siddaramaiah had surrendered the sites in keeping with his image of a principled politician, who first became the Minister in the Ramakrishna Hegde-led government. Back in February 2016, Mr. Siddaramaiah had surrendered an expensive Hublot watch gifted to him after the Opposition BJP and JD(S) raised the issue in the legislature and petitioned ED.

Safe for now

However, the government is safe as of now. Mr. Siddaramaiah as well as ruling Congress Ministers, including his Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, are presenting a brave front claiming that there is no danger to the government.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has fashioned himself as the champion of AHINDA (Kannada acronym for minorities, backward classes, and Dalits), is unlikely to throw in the towel easily, much less go down without fighting. Mr. Shivakumar, who has been eagerly awaiting his turn to hold the reins, seems to be playing a waiting game.

Sources in the Karnataka Congress said the party high command will adopt a "go-slow approach" and intervene only if developments further embarrass the party at the national level in the fight against the Central government.

The Lokayukta police with a team of surveyors visited Kesare as part of the investigations into the alleged MUDA land scam, on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

The legal strategy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi returning the 14 sites allotted by Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is said to be a legal strategy and a last ditch effort to take the wind out of the sails of ED's case against the Chief Minister and her.

A senior functionary of the State government said that as per the FIR registered by the Lokayukta police under various laws, including Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the 14 sites were considered "proceeds of crime" and lawyers advised that possession of which attracted Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

"Now that Ms. Parvathi has relinquished the 14 sites to the government, none of those listed as accused in the Lokayukta police FIR or the ECIR by the ED have enjoyed the proceeds of the alleged crime and or in its possession. This it is hoped would weaken the cases," the senior functionary said.

Too late for CM to protect his seat; it's only a matter of time before he quits: BYV

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terming Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife's decision to return the sites allotted by Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) as a "political drama" to escape legal hurdles, the Opposition BJP said it was too late for him to protect his post.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday, BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra demanded immediate resignation of the Chief Minister on the ground that returning sites has only "proved" that they had been allotted illegally. He maintained that it is now a question of time before the Chief Minister quits, as the case has reached "a decisive stage."

"The decision to return the sites has been taken at this juncture only to escape from the legal hurdles and to gain sympathy. With this, the Chief Minister has also admitted that there were irregularities in allotment, though he had remained adamant by claiming that he would not cow down," Mr. Vijayendra claimed

"His efforts to hush up the case by sending his close aide and Minister Byrathi Suresh to Mysuru to hold a meeting with officials, and attempts to politicise the case by saying that complaints are politically motivated have failed to protect him," he said.

Earlier video played

Mr. Vijayendra released an old video of 2011 in which Mr. Siddaramaiah, who was then the Leader of the Opposition, arguing that return of sites by the children of the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had only shown that there were irregularities in their allotment. The BJP State president demanded that the Chief Minister should tender an apology, before quitting, to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot for launching an attack on him for granting permission to conduct a probe.

Alleging that the Chief Minister's followers were trying to intimidate social activist Snehamayi Krishna, who filed a private complaint against the Chief Minister, he urged Home Minister G. Parameshwara and DG&IGP to provide him security.

He termed the return of the sites by the Chief Minister's wife as the result of pressure built by the BJP and JD(S).

'Apologise to people'

Lahar Singh Siroya, BJP MP, demanded that everyone who defended Mr. Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case, including the Congress high command and the State machinery, should apologise to the people of Karnataka.

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

From Page One

MUDA writes to sub-registrar to cancel sites given to CM's wife

The Mysuru Urban Development Authority Commissioner's order authorising MUDA secretary Prasanna Kumar to take steps for cancellation of the sale deeds of all the 14 sites has been handed over to the sub-registrar.

"Now, the sites, which stand in the name of Ms. Parvathi, will be transferred back to MUDA. This will be financially beneficial to the MUDA too," said Mr. Raghunandan.

Communication

The decision taken by MUDA will be communicated to the Lokayukta police, the Desai commission constituted to probe the the alleged irregularities in MUDA and also the by the State government, he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Prasanna Kumar said he personally took the Mysuru Urban Development Authority Commissioner's order on cancellation of the sale deeds to the sub-registrar's office to start the process.

'Private attendance'

Even though the owner of the sites was not present, the sub-registrar informed the MUDA official that there was a provision to cancel the sale deeds through "private attendance".

Mr. Prasanna Kumar said the process of cancellation of the sale deeds had begun with the sub-registrar proceeding for the "private attendance."

Legal provisions

Responding to questions from reporters, Mr. Prasanna Kumar said Section 8 of the Karnataka Incentive Sites Allotment rules of 1991 provided for taking back sites surrendered voluntarily by the allottees without any delay.

Section 13 of the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities Act empowered the MUDA Commissioner to exercise the authority to cancel the sale deeds, he added.

On what grounds is it a money laundering case? asks Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday stood his ground and ruled out the possibility of his resignation over the MUDA case. "I work with a clear conscience. So there is no need for me to resign."

He questioned the Enforcement Directorate (ED) slapping a Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case against him, maintaining that the MUDA issue did not attract its provisions. "I don't know on what grounds it is a money laundering case, because compensatory sites were given," Mr. Siddaramaiah told reporters.

Meanwhile, two Cabinet Ministers - H.K. Patil and G. Parameshwara - on Tuesday came down heavily on the ED for registering an Enforcement Case Information Report against Mr. Siddaramaiah.

Mr. Patil said the ED case registered under PMLA would be one of the greatest blunders by the probe agency. He said "it was shocking as well as surprising" as to how the MUDA case, which was several years old, could be a money laundering case.

However, Mr. Patil justified the surrender of sites by Chief Minister's wife Parvathi and said she had taken the "right decision". Ms. Parvathi surrendered sites as she was concerned about the honour of her husband, he said.

Dr. Parameshwara questioned the registration of a case under PMLA despite the absence of any "financial transactions".

Speaking to the media on Tuesday, he said that Ms. Parvathi had clarified her stand on why she offered to return the plots to MUDA and that the entire episode was turning out to be political and aimed at tarnishing the image of Mr. Siddaramaiah.

"As far as I know, there were no financial transactions. I do not know why or how the ED got involved. They will have to justify it later," he said.

Central leaders back CM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Throwing its weight behind Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Congress Central leaders on Tuesday said the money laundering case by ED is an example of "the BJP's politics of vendetta." The Congress said between 2016 and 2022, the BJP toppled 10 governments to impose "one nation, one election, one party".

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3. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) Excluding GST	EMD (Amount in Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract completion period
1	Operation and Maintenance of existing scientific landfill sites (Mittiganahalli, Kannuru) Rejuvenation & Water quality improvements of lakes, Scientific Closure of completed landfill sites in Mahadevapura Constituency.	4800.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.4700000/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank	As per KPPP portal	12 Months (Including Monsoon Period)

1. Pre bid meeting will be held on **15.10.2024** at **15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 52.
2. Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the KPPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document on or **before 16:00 hours** on **25.10.2024** and First Folder containing the Technical bid will be opened through e-portal only on **28.10.2024 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
3. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the KPPP portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. KPPP portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
4. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPPP portal only.

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Deputy General Manager-2,
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HDK ridicules return of MUDA sites

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Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy termed the returning of 14 MUDA sites by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife as a "joke" and said it was like "stealing and then tendering an apology." He was addressing a press conference in Delhi on Tuesday.

While stating that the Chief Minister's wife was 'like a sister' to him, Mr. Kumaraswamy wondered why Mr. Siddaramaiah was doing a U-turn. He said Mr. Siddaramaiah had earlier got land through denotification citing that it was to build a residential school for poor children. However, he sold it citing payment towards poll expenses when it became legally complicated, he said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Mr. P. PADMANABHA
(Retd IAS - Karnataka Cadre)
Age 96 years
Passed away peacefully on 30th September, 2024, at his residence at No 6, Zen Gardens, Artillery Road, Bangalore - 560008
Deeply mourned by **Padma, Ranjitha and Ashok, Ramesh and Kris, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.**
Phone: 96111 10747

J ALFONSERAJ (62yrs), Retired Foreman (Non Supervisory), Canteen, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 30 - September - 2024. Address: No:6, Abraham Street, Mylapore, Chennai - 600004. Contact No: 96771 98683.

DEATH

Sad Demise

Prof. T. Shivanna
(Cousin of Sri S M Krishna, Former CM & Union Minister for Foreign Affairs)
- Retd. Professor of Economics
- Recipient of Kannada Rajyotsava, Chunchashree & Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Awards
- Senate & Syndicate Member of Bangalore University
- Ex-Chairman, Samaja Samparka Vedike
- Ex-Chairman, Somanahalli Educational Institutions
- Director, BES Educational Institutions, Bengaluru

Born on : **02.09.1930** | Demised on : **30.09.2024**

Last respect by General Public	03.10.2024, Thursday 8.00 am to 12.00 noon
Mortal remains placed at	'Tharini', #1646, 15th Main Road, 31st Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070.
Last rituals & cremation	Somanahalli, Maddur Taluk at 4.00 pm

Contact: 9980045622 / 9036127393

Shining the light on community champions in the spirit of Gandhiji

To celebrate Gandhi Jayanti, the Foundation for Ecological Security will release a collection of short films spotlighting those who have restored common resources through collective action

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Tulsi Gowda, an environmentalist from Honnali village in Karnataka's Davanagere district. ARJUN SWAMINATHAN

Nobody asked Tulsi Gowda to start planting trees. She decided to do it all on her own, driven by nothing but her sheer love for them. "Everyone needs to grow trees," says the environmentalist, often affectionately referred to as the 'Encyclopedia of the Forest', hailing from Honnali village in Karnataka's Davanagere district.

In a soon-to-be-released short film, part of a series titled *Celebrating Community Stewardship*, the Padma Shri awardee, who has planted more than 30,000 saplings so far, also asks, "Because there are trees here, we are here."

Gowda, a member of the Halakki Vokkalu tribe, indigenous to many parts of northern Karnataka, is one of 10 remarkable people from across the country featured in this short film series, which will be launched by the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) on October 2. "This 2nd October, we celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday by celebrating communities and community champions for their efforts in their expression of stewardship of their natural resources," says Subrata Singh, Executive Director of FES. "Stewardship is key to achieving Bapu's vision of Gram Swaraj."

According to a release issued by FES, *Celebrating Community Stewardship* spotlights community champions who have played a role in restoring Commons – shared natural resources like forests, pastures and water bodies, as well as local cultures and traditions – through collective action. "Each documentary in the series offers an intimate portrait of the community champion, exploring their personal journey, the specific challenges they address, and the innovative pathways they have taken," states the release.

The community champions showcased in these films include the aforementioned Tulsi Gowda; Chhattisgarhi folk theatre artist Anup Ranjan Pandey; Rajasthan-based water warrior Laxman Singh; Nuklu Phom, an environmentalist from Nagaland's Longleng district and Radio Bundelkhand's Varsha Raikwar, among others. "From dedicated stewards of water bodies and pastures, champions of seed sovereignty and climate resilience, to custodians of culture, traditional knowledge, and passionate biodiversity conservationists, these films capture the spirit of community-driven environmental action," it states.

Why commons matter

Bengaluru-based visual storyteller Arjun Swaminathan, who directed these films, still remembers his cameraperson asking him on a shoot what 'Commons' really meant. "Commons as a word, subject or idea is not widely spread," says Arjun, the director of Native Picture, a media organisation that produces films, photo stories, podcasts and articles on the lives of people and their relationship with the earth. "Even for a lot of NGOs who have worked with communities and the commons, in general, the word 'Commons' does not feature in their vocabulary," he says.

The 'commons' are shared natural resources like forests, pastures and waterbodies, as well as local cultures and tradition.
ARJUN SWAMINATHAN

And yet, commoning has traditionally been an intrinsic, embedded part of our culture, points out Kiran Singh of FES who has curated the film series. "When it comes to any resource, culture or tradition, it is the people who carry it forward," she says, adding that preserving and respectfully using the Commons ensure that it is available for future generations.

This is precisely what the 10 people showcased in the film are doing: attempting to create positive, discernable changes at a local level."There is so much communities that can do to protect their commons; these are shining examples of this," says Kiran, who is convinced that commons will thrive only if there is stewardship within communities. "We want viewers to see these stories and think, 'I can do similar initiatives in my village, Panchayat, region and with my community too," she says.

Diverse perspectives

The idea for creating these films first came up in October 2023 from FES, says Arjun, who has been working closely with the foundation for over a decade. FES was planning a huge event, the Commons Convening, for the next year, and as part of that, "there was a lot of brainstorming, back and forth sessions and discussions that happened," he recalls.

Anup Ranjan Pandey, the creator of the Bastar Band, an ensemble that showcases the region's musical and narrative traditions.
ARJUN SWAMINATHAN

Nuklu Phom, a theologian and environmentalist from Yaongyimchen village in Nagaland's Longleng district.
ARJUN SWAMINATHAN

Radio Bundelkhand's Varsha Raikwar. ARJUN SWAMINATHAN

One of the things which came up during the preparations for the Commons Convening 2024 was that it would be a good idea to feature community stewards who have done important work to restore the Commons. "The idea for us was to look at real examples on the ground that inspire others..people who have received recognitions for what they have been doing," says Subrata, pointing out that they tried to look at examples of community stewardship across the spectrum, whether it was seed conservation, tree planting or cultural preservation. "The idea was to bring as many diverse perspectives as possible," he says.

Released in August

The stories of these 10 Commons Champions went on to become part of a publication titled *Our Commons: Celebrating Commoning and Community Stewardship*, which was released at the Commons Convening in August this year. "But we also wanted to explore other mediums, including podcasts and videos, to take the story to as many people as possible," says Kiran. "Because they are stories that need to be told...as they can inspire and motivate millions of others across the country to take up similar initiatives."

Arjun says that they began shooting these films in February this year, spending the next few months travelling across the country to places that were often remote and not easily accessible to capture the stories of these people. He has fond memories of the time spent doing that. "It has been such a learning experience. I was amazed by these people," he says. "They are so warm...just let you into their lives. I am so happy that this openness still exists."

In his opinion, the culture and livelihood of the people he encountered were inextricably linked to their Commons. "Their entire universe happens to be around the Commons, and they are part of Commons," says Arjun, who believes that it is also vital for people in urban centres to look at their own Commons–parks, transport systems, lakes–more mindfully and nurture a sense of ownership, responsibility and belonging towards them. "The Commons are not decorative; they have a purpose," he believes. "If you mess with it, you'll have to face the consequences."

The Celebrating Community Stewardship series will premiere online on YouTube through two webinars at 11.00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 PM - 5.00 P.M., respectively, each showcasing five Community Champions. To register https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86930671653

Hospital sets new Guinness World Record of 3,319 CPR performances within 24 hours

Each participant had a time frame up to 30 seconds to complete their compressions, reinforcing the need for rapid response during emergencies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Participants took turns to perform CPR on a mannequin.

Creating a Guinness World Record, a city-based private hospital successfully hosted "Mission 3K - 3,000 Hearts, One Beat," a pioneering initiative centred on performing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in a relay format.

Organised by Manipal Hospitals, the event broke the existing Guinness World Record for the most CPR performances in a single day, with 3,319 participants trained and ready, surpassing the previous record of 2,619 CPRs and setting a new global standard. The event that began on World Heart Day on September 29 concluded on September 30.

"Mission 3K- 3000 Hearts, One Beat" required each participant to perform 60 compressions, with less than 0.5 seconds allotted for transitions between individuals. The event took place at Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road and operated continuously within 24 hours emphasising the importance of precise timing and teamwork.

Innovative techniques

According to a statement by the hospital, nearly 3,319 trained participants took turns performing CPR on a single mannequin throughout the event. Each participant had a time frame up to 30 seconds to complete their compressions, reinforcing the need for rapid and effective response during emergencies. "The event utilised innovative techniques through digitalisation, making the entire event completely paperless. External medical professionals served as official witnesses to oversee the event," the statement said.

H. Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman of Manipal Hospitals, said: "We are immensely proud to be part of this historic 'Mission 3K - 3,000 Hearts, One Beat' event alongside the Guinness Book of World Records on World Heart Day 2024. Our goal is not just to set a record by performing 3,000 continuous CPRs, but to spread an important message—CPR saves lives. If someone experiences a sudden collapse or heart attack, CPR can revive them."

Urging everyone to learn this life-saving skill, the doctor said the hospital is ready to train people. "Together, we can save countless lives. This mission exemplifies the power of teamwork ,and we are deeply grateful to all involved."

Manipal Hospital South Cluster, with 12 units, including Mysuru and Salem, joined in Bengaluru for the event. The event was meticulously planned to ensure seamless coordination, with participants arriving in scheduled batches to meet the strict timelines. With an average of three CPR performances per minute, the hospital successfully completed 3,319 CPR performances within the designated time.

Essential support

Over 30 nursing colleges from across Bengaluru collaborated, playing a crucial role in the success, while hospital staff, including nurses and paramedics, remained on standby to provide essential support for this ambitious record attempt.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2, 1974

Advani Justifies Party Decision to Join Bihar Stir

Bangalore, Oct 2: The Jan Sangh President Mr L.K. Advani to-day sought the participation of one and all in the party's "stupendous" task of bringing about a total revolution in the country.

Addressing a meeting here Mr Advani explained that his party stood not merely for political revolution but for a total revolution which meant a change in the political economic and social set up. Such a revolution could be a peaceful one.

Mr. Advani also justified his party's decision to plunge in full strength in a peaceful manner in the Bihar agitation from October 2 from when it would be intensified as aimed at the restoration of moral values in public life.

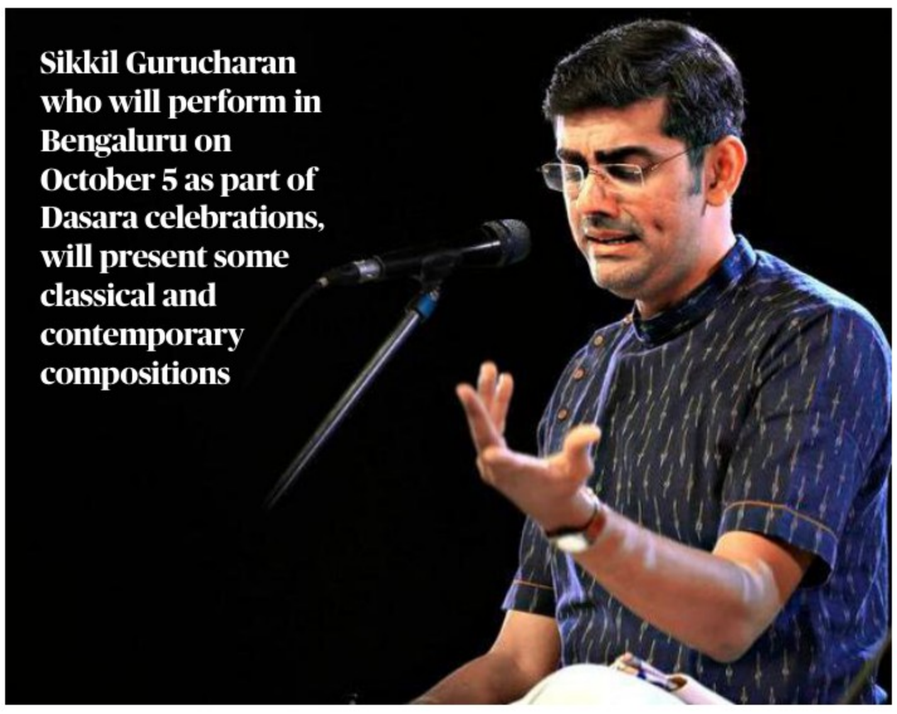
Mr Advani termed the steps undertaken by the Government during the past eight years in the economic field from bank nationalisation to the recent anti-smuggling drive as "dishonest." He described, Mrs Indira Gandhi's eight years from 1966-74 were the "worst in living memory."

KPCC Presidential Election

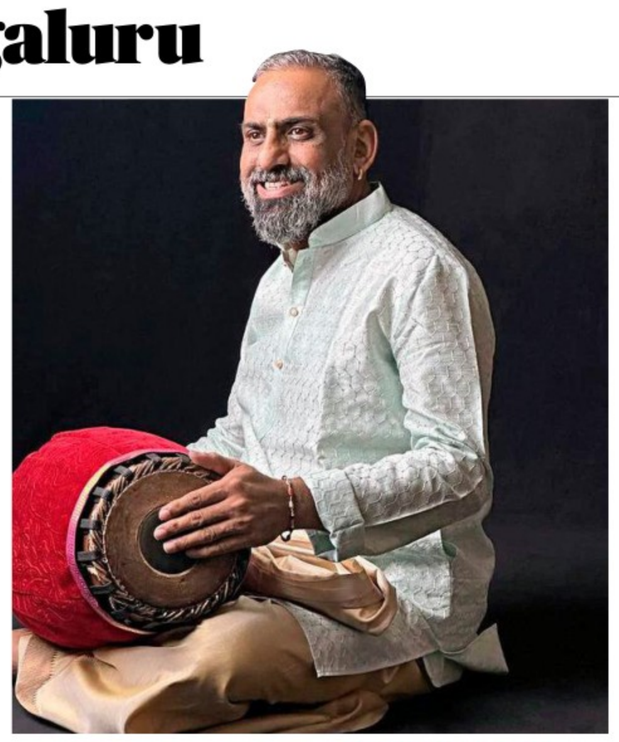
Bangalore, Oct 2: With the date for the election of the new President of the Karnataka PCC put down for October 13 here the search for possible candidates for the post appeared to be narrowing down to one or two.

According tosections of the party the Food and forest Minister Mr. K. H. Patil's name had come to figure prominently and influential quarters in the party had already sounded Mr Patil who is stated to be willing to accept the candidature Mr. Patil is now convalescing in a nursing home in Hubli.

A perfect balance of the old and the new



Sikkil Gurucharan who will perform in Bengaluru on October 5 as part of Dasara celebrations, will present some classical and contemporary compositions



Creating his own legacy Sikkil Gurucharan will be accompanied by Jayachandra Rao on the mridangam and Vazhappaly R Krishnakumar on the ghatam. RAGHUNATHAN SR AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shilpa Anandraj

Nadathur Foundation is organising the Nada Sambhrama concert series, a Navratri concert that will feature Carnatic classical singer Sikkil Gurucharan. The singer is a recipient of Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar Award and is considered a youth ambassador for Carnatic music. The singer talks about his passion for music from his residence in Chennai.

Edited excerpts:

Coming from a family of famous flautists, the Sikkil Sisters, you never considered becoming one?
I have been asked this many times and I always say no. Probably because I did not express any interest in learning the flute, hence they did not teach me or vice versa. I am happy where I am today and so are they.

You have a Masters in commerce and have also acted in *Sarvam Thaala Mayam* and *Putham Pudhu Kaalai*. Would you have pursued these had you not become a singer?
Perhaps. My family ambience instilled a love for the arts in me. Everywhere I turned there was either music or theatre. My father was into theatre and the conversations at home were related to the performing arts. I did not face any pressure when it came to my education.

I enjoyed studying, more so after 10th standard when I studied commerce as I enjoyed income tax laws and business. It was during my college days that I realised music would be taking up a huge chunk of my time, and it did, rightfully so.

Could you tell us about your work with children to promote arts awareness?
I am actively involved in SPICMACAY, which promotes arts amongst children. I am also on the board of Rhapsody, which aims at imparting curriculum through music to school students. It is founded by my dear friend, Anil Srinivasan, a pianist.

Being a part of these I believe interest in classical music is gradually on the rise amidst children as they realise it is a serious art form, which needs to be given the same importance you would give when listening to film songs, or other forms of popular music.

Today, a school child is equally aware of BTS and Carnatic music. The standing that Carnatic music is getting from children today is far better than what it was a few years ago.

The Global Carnatic Musicians Association, recently started the CAR (Create A Rasika) project, that puts Carnatic musicians such as myself into different schools across Tamil Nadu. Here we spend an hour with children with PowerPoint presentations, telling them what Carnatic music is all about, inviting them to live concerts as they cannot experience the magic of a live concert on YouTube or through recorded music.

Why do we not see the same level of excitement for a classical music performance as we see for a rock concert?
Carnatic music evolved centuries ago and you will not see a rapid change in this genre every few years as we do in film music, rock or rap. You need to stay close and true to the traditions of this art form. Yet, it is a form that is not steeped in iron-clad traditions.

What started out as Carnatic music in the 18th Century gradually evolved into something different in the 20th Century. Even today, this genre works very well with Hindustani or even with Western classical music. We see a lot of experiments happening and we also have an audience for every experiment. The change in Carnatic music is steady but slow.

Besides this, the exposure Carnatic music gets compared to other forms of music is way less. For instance, if I do a concert in Bengaluru, I may get two to three interviews, but on the other hand, if there is a rock or a film concert happening, they are featured in almost form of media.

This can either work out in favour or be detrimental, as the more media coverage you get, the more varied the opinions will be and that can affect the performance. Having said this, I also feel it is unfair to compare Carnatic music to film or rock music as this form has existed for ages in India and has a timelessness.

After *Shakarabharanam*, which celebrated Carnatic music, we hardly see movies attempting to promote Carnatic music. Yet we see Hindustani music being used in film compositions. Do you feel the film industry ignores Carnatic music?
I wouldn't say the form is being deliberately ignored. I do hope that movies like *Sarvam Thaala Mayam* come out more often. The film was released in 2019 at a time when people were into talking about the virality of musical content in short reels.

Rajeev Menon created a movie solely based on Carnatic music. It celebrates the spirit of Indian percussion, the mridangam. The film had elements of Carnatic live concerts and spoke about the relationship between a mridangam student and a traditional guru. That film enjoyed a good viewership when released.

Now, five years later, we were in Japan for a concert and the kind of reception we saw for this movie was amazing. We had five concerts in Japan and before each concert the audience watched *Sarvam Thaala Mayam*. Most claimed it to be a repeat watch, which was humbling.

After watching the film, they would sit for two hours listening to our live concert. I think we need to do something like that in India to make people connect to music as they did in Japan. The kind of compositions we deal with, the improvisations we do on stage are all connected with our lifestyle and management skills.

We do a lot of management on stage and a lot of human emotions and human dynamics are involved too. If there is a movie or a theatrical production made on these lines followed by a live concert, it would bring more people to the Carnatic classical genre.

You will be performing at Nada Sambhrama in Bengaluru. What do you think of classical music as one of the mediums to celebrate Indian festivals?
Classical music is the soul of Indian culture. We have many occasions where the classical genre is used to celebrate a festival, it can be Dasara, Navratri or Vinayaka Chaturthi. Not just celebrations through concerts, even at homes, people break into songs with a Kruti or a bhajan to celebrate.

Navratri is a busy season for musicians as multiple concerts happen across the country. Bengaluru is a city that is traditional as well as cosmopolitan. They enjoy a good mix of old and new.

Gurucharan will perform on October 5 at JSS Auditorium, 6pm. It is open to all.

CITYBEATS

Silk route

OCTOBER 6
Explore Kanjivaram silks through stories and saris by Aparna Jaishankar. Called *Weaving A Story*, the event will walk you through the symbolic significance of vibrant colours and intricate motifs, besides learning how each sari tells a story of devotion, culture and elegance. *At Atta Galatta, 12.30pm. Call for your ticket 9632510126.*

Shake a leg

OCTOBER 4, 5
Celebrate Dasara with Dandiya Night & Khau Galli, where you can shop, enjoy cultural festivities and binge on a festive menu. You can also look forward to garba and dandiya with Xylo Bands Dandiya Nights and a vast variety of Indian street food.
Tickets available on BookMyShow. At Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield

Author's view

OCTOBER 6
The book *In Pursuit of Freedom* touches upon critical issues such as religion, economic disparity, gender, environment, politics and more. Author Pradeep Damodaran, who has travelled across the country, will talk about places that played a role in our Independence. *At Atta Galatta, Indiranagar, 3.30pm. Call 9632510126 for details.*

Better together

Ruth Dhanaraj

One of a kind Products from the 100 Hands 2024 edition. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Year after year, the 100 Hands fair is eagerly anticipated by all those who have a penchant for one-of-a-kind, specially crafted curios, fabrics, home décor and accessories.

Founded by sisters Sonia and Mala Dhawan, the Festival of Handmade also called 100 Hands by regular visitors, began in 2010 as a initiative to give artisans across the country a platform to become financially viable. According to Mala, their aim has been to foster "a sense of collective and a community of people whose livelihood depends on handmade."

"It is also about learning from each other and developing symbiotic relationships within the collective, irrespective of 100 Hands' involvement," says Mala, adding, "The idea is for artisans to grow, create and support each other at a larger level."

One of the hallmarks of this year's edition is the revival of their Me2We concept which was introduced around 10 years ago. "Most craftsmen work in isolation. Our idea was to bring them together, because when you brainstorm, ideate and collaborate, it boosts your sense of creativity. 'Together We Create Better' is the Me2We theme."

According to Mala, this can be achieved by integrating two different crafts to create a new product altogether – one that could be sold by both parties. She elaborates with an example, "There was a line of painted lampshades and another of crocheted flowers. Under Me2We ideation, we have integrated crochet flowers on to the lampshade creating a new offering that neither party would have been able to do on their own.'

These lampshades will be available at the festival this year.

Some other examples of collaborative work include the use of West Bengal's Gamcha and Assamese weaves to create ready-to-wear dresses, applique work on Kanjeevarams, and board games crafted out of Lambani embroidery with Channapatna dice and pegs.

"We are showcasing around 50 such collaborations this year. For such teamwork to be successful, one has to be able to break barriers of discipline, language and traditional thinking; one should get out of their comfort zone and meet the challenge of competitive work," says Mala.

While the festival is a commission-free program, the organisers believe in the power of positive validation. "We want people to understand the amount of effort that has gone into the creation of a product, so we encourage visitors to spend time talking to the artisans to understand their process."

This edition of 100 Hands will be their largest show till date with over 200 artisans coming in. There will also be workshops on blue pottery painting, block printing, zine making and more, as well as a handloom fashion show on October 2, titled 'Walk for Swadeshi' helmed by stylist and choreographer Prasad Bidapa.

"There will also be a demonstration on how to use the charaka. We not only want to make Gandhi Jayanthi more pertinent, but are also doing our bit to ensure Indian textiles stay relevant in this century," says Mala.

100 Hands will be held at Jaymahal Palace from October 2-6, from 11am to 8pm. Entry fee ₹100. Workshop details on website and social media.

An eye of empathy (Clockwise from below) Dr Vasudha Teertharam, singers Govind Kurnool, Samanvita Sharma, Shruti Bhide and and residents of Vishwashanti Niketan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Get your groove on

Shilpa Anandraj

VT entertainers Charitable Trust, started by Dr Vasudha Teertharam in 2018, is back with its fund raiser, Offbeat 2024, a musical extravaganza, conceived and curated by Vasudha, who is also an Ayurvedic physician.

The tagline for Offbeat is celebrating the less celebrated, because we are celebrating the marginalised, says Vasudha, who is a parent to a 34-year-old son with Downs Syndrome. The concert will feature lesser known and celebrated themes of Bollywood, says Vasudha. "Some of our past themes have been songs from films of lesser known directors, lesser known heroes/ heroines and songs shot in different parts of the world."

The 2024 edition is an ode to choreography, says Vasudha. "Dance has been an integral part of cinema, yet, many choreographers from the past did not get their due. The 2024 edition will pay homage to them by featuring songs with their memorable dance choreographies. Vasudha says they have tried to include songs with different types of dance forms from classical and disco to contemporary styles. This year's edition will feature artists including Samanvitha Sharma, Shruti Bhide, Govind Kurnool, Narssimhan Kannan, Arundhati Vasishta, Chinmayi Rao, Kash and Kalvinder Singh. They will be accompanied with an orchestra by Pradeep Patkar and his team with dance and audio-visual effects. The artists, says Vasudha, were chosen based on their expertise. "We have a mix of well-known names and promising talent." The proceeds from the show will go towards Vishwashanti Niketan in Arasinakunte. "It is a residential home for the differently-abled. It is a home away from home for children with special needs and the less privileged citizens. It is a comfort for parents of specially abled people, who worry about who will take care of their loved ones after they are gone. "

Vishwashanti Niketana, founded by the Karnataka Parents Association (KPA) in 2012, has been one of the beneficiaries of VT Entertainers Charitable Trust, which has supported various institutions by raising funds through music shows. "The trust also receives donations from philanthropists," says 61-year-old Vasudha, who has been associated with Vishwashanti Niketana for the past nine years.cVasudha, who stopped practising post COVID to care for her son, aims to sensitise people towards the needs of the differently abled. "I always wanted to do something for the differently-abled. As it was impossible for me to be there with them physically, I decided to raise funds and help them."

Offbeat 2024 will be held at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, on October 6, 6pm. Call 9886019151/ 9845049796 for donor passes and tickets are available on BookMyShow.

Karnataka to consider raising monthly pension for senior citizens

Currently, 50 lakh such citizens are getting pension in State: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government will consider increasing monthly pension given to senior citizens in the State, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday.

Speaking at a programme organised by the Department of Women and Child Development, Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens to mark the International Day of Older Persons, Mr. Siddaramaiah said currently 50 lakh senior citizens get monthly pension in the State. "A decision on increasing the monthly pension will be taken after deliberations. As per the 2011 census, Karnataka has 57,91 lakh senior citizens," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar at the World Senior Citizens Day programme in Bengaluru on Tuesday.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Pointing out that the number of old age homes are increasing, Mr. Siddaramaiah said this is because children are moving out of the country. "We should respect senior citizens by idealising them," he said. Adding that it is the duty of the government to ensure the comfort and health of senior citizens, the CM said dialysis centres have been set up in taluks. "The government is working to empower the economically and socially empowered people to fulfil our goal of building an equal society," he said.

'Rajinikanth stable, to be discharged in two days'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Actor Rajinikanth, who was admitted to the Apollo Hospitals on Monday, underwent an endovascular repair for a swelling in the aorta. His condition is stable and he should be discharged in two days, a medical bulletin issued by the hospital on Tuesday said.

According to it, the actor had a swelling in the main blood vessel leaving his heart (aorta), which was treated by a non-surgical, transcatheter method. The hospital's senior interventional cardiologist, Sai Satish, placed a stent in the aorta, sealing off the swelling.

Governor R.N. Ravi and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin wished the actor a speedy recovery on social media.

"I stand with the millions of devoted fans of Thiru Rajinikanth, in praying for his swift recovery," the Raj Bhavan quoted Mr. Ravi as saying.

"I wish my friend 'Superstar' Rajinikanth, who has been admitted to hospital, a speedy recovery...," Mr. Stalin said.

Pinarayi should issue a public apology: UDF

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala CM says he has not mentioned any particular region or community during his interview

Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) Opposition in Kerala has ratcheted up its demand for a public apology from Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for allegedly disparaging the people of Malappuram by "damningly and baselessly linking" them to contraband and hawala seizures made by the State police from carriers outside the Karipur airport in the northern district.

Leader of the Opposition, V.D. Satheesan, said Mr. Vijayan's unfounded and derogatory accusation played into the Sangh Parivar's communally incendiary and divisive rhetoric about minorities in Kerala. He said under the first Pinarayi Vijayan government, Kerala had become a haven for gold smugglers.

He noted that a central investigation into the international racket led to the arrest of Mr. Vijayan's once "second self" and former Principal Secretary, M. Sivasankar.

Congress Working Committee (CWC) member Ramesh Chennithala said Mr. Vijayan had inflicted a deep festering wound on Malappuram's psyche.

Mr. Chennithala said gold smuggling through Indian airports had become endemic after the Union government hiked the import duty on gold to tackle the country's yawning current account deficit.

He alleged that Mr. Vijayan has chosen to blame only Karipur airport in Malappuram for the illicit trade to cater to the Sangh Parivar's campaign to depict minorities as anti-nationals.

BJP State president K. Surendran said Mr. Vijayan's visceral fear of alienating fundamentalist forces had caused him to execute a "hasty and clumsy about-turn" on his earlier admission about the anti-national forces behind the international gold smuggling racket.

CM clarifies

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday clarified that he had not mentioned any particular region or community in his exclusive interview with *The Hindu* published on September 30.

"The newspaper had included a portion that I had not said, which led to a controversy. The newspaper has by now given an explanation and has admitted to the lapse," he said, adding that *The Hindu* was a newspaper that upheld the responsibility of the media and it was unknown how such a lapse occurred.

"The maximum gold smuggling in the State takes place through the Calicut International Airport. But since the airport is located in Malappuram district, they are registered as cases from Malappuram. This does not mean that only people in Malappuram are resorting to gold smuggling," he said.

Correction

In the interview with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, published in the September 30 edition, *The Hindu* would like to state that some sentences that were not part of the interview were added in the published version at the request of the PR person who helped arrange the interview. This should not have happened, and we unreservedly apologise for this serious error of judgement on the part of the reporter and for the lack of editorial oversight in this instance.

PR agency Kaizzen had approached *The Hindu* offering an interview with the Chief Minister. Our journalist interviewed the Chief Minister at Kerala House in New Delhi at 9 a.m. on September 29, where two representatives of the PR agency were also present along with the Chief Minister. The interview lasted for around 30 minutes.

Subsequently, one of the PR representatives requested for the inclusion of details regarding gold smuggling and hawala transactions in Malappuram, money from which were used for anti-State and anti-national activities. The comments, the PR representative said, were originally made at a press conference by the Chief Minister. The PR representative provided in writing the request for inclusion in the Chief Minister's response of the lines that are now disowned by the Chief Minister's press secretary. Including those lines as part of the Chief Minister's statements of that day was a lapse that revealed lack of journalistic rigour, and we apologise for this error.

– Editor

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Sikkim, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema and interior Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	8	33.6	26.8	Kozhikode	—	34.2	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.5	26.5	Kurnool	—	37.2	25.4
Aizawl	1	29.9	23.4	Lucknow	—	33.8	25.0
Allahabad	—	35.4	26.0	Madurai	3	36.7	25.1
Bengaluru	—	32.0	22.0	Mangaluru	—	31.6	23.6
Bhopal	—	34.2	24.0	Mumbai	—	33.5	25.4
Bhubaneswar	—	36.2	26.3	Mysuru	—	33.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	33.6	24.4	New Delhi	—	35.4	26.2
Chennai	—	34.1	27.4	Patna	1	33.8	27.1
Coimbatore	—	34.8	24.4	Port Blair	0.6	30.3	25.8
Dehradun	—	32.4	22.1	Puducherry	—	33.0	25.5
Gangtok	—	23.5	17.7	Pune	—	37.2	24.3
Goa	—	33.0	25.8	Raipur	—	35.2	25.8
Guwahati	—	31.4	27.0	Ranchi	—	31.1	23.4
Hubballi	—	32.0	24.0	Shillong	—	25.2	17.7
Hyderabad	—	34.4	23.7	Shimla	—	26.0	16.9
Imphal	12	27.7	21.1	Srinagar	—	29.8	12.4
Jaipur	—	36.9	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.3	25.0
Kochi	—	—	25.8	Tiruchi	—	36.1	25.6
Kohima	11	22.4	17.3	Vijayawada	—	34.4	26.4
Kolkata	—	37.0	29.2	Visakhapatnam	—	33.4	27.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	15	32	36	167	141	
Bengaluru	9	24	46	107	89	
Chennai	19	3	66	31	44	
Delhi	27	64	42	202	319	
Hyderabad	8	37	74	73	96	
Kolkata	4	59	59	87	90	
Lucknow	10	10	40	229	109	
Mumbai	24	27	37	71	101	
Pune	6	35	23	62	104	
Visakhapatnam	10	36	30	55	81	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 255 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Palkalaiperur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 11

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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North to South. : 60 Feet
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File No. PT1-IPR-IMU-0003-2024 12569 / I&PR, BBSR, dated: 01/10/2024

The date for opening of the proposals received in pursuance of RFP No-10163 Dt-16/08/2024 of I&PR Department with Corrigendum Notice No.11739 dt.17.09.2024, as published on Dt.-18/09/2024 in The Samaj, The Sambad, The Dharitri, The Times of India, The Hindustan Times and The Hindu and subsequent Corrigendum Notice No 12088/dtd 23.9.2024 which came out in the said News Papers dtd 24.9.2024 is rescheduled to **dt. 05.10.2024 at 11.30 A.M.**

Director, I&PR

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1.	Tender Enquiry No. 373/GHTP/C&I/M&I/M-119/Vol-1 dated 30/09/2024 'Routine/ Preventive, Breakdown & Shutdown Maintenance of C&I Equipments/Instruments, Measurement & Interlock System, Annunciation System, Flue Gas Analyzers, Steam & Water Analysis System, etc., installed at 2X210MW Stage-I and 2X250MW Stage-II, Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant (GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, District.: Bathinda, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year'

For detailed NIT & tender specification, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 01/10/2024 09:00 Hrs onwards.
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(Biswajit Routray)
Additional Director

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	03/10/2024, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - **drugs-osmcl@gov.in**	07/10/2024, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 09/10/2024, 3 PM	End Date & Time: 23/10/2024, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time: 24/10/2024, 10 AM	End Date & Time: 30/10/2024,11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of Sample submission as per section-IV of tender documents	30/10/2024, upto 11:30 AM	
6.	Date & time of Online Technical bid Opening	30/10/2024, 11:30 AM	
7.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

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Sd/- **Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha**

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No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/2691/2023-24 **FORM - III** **Date: 21-01-2024**

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In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by The Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **Widening of Horamavu to Kalkere Road-Outer Ring Road (Banaswadi Bridge) to Dr. Rajkumar Circle (Phase-I) - for implementing the proposals of the Approved master Plan for the width of 24.00 mtrs for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan - 2015 for the width of 24.00 mtrs.**

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru East** Name of the Village: **Kalkere**

Sl. No.	Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land		Nature of Land	Dimension of the Land/ Plot & Extent in Sq.m	Boundaries of the Land / Plot				Building Details			Present Activity on Land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual house etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.m (in Rs.)	Name and address of the owner of the Plot/Land forwhich DRC is to be issued
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture Converted undeveloped Approved Layout / Developed Land Building Site	Dimension Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of Floors	Floor Area Ratio			
17	Sy. No: 498/1, Sl.No: 504, Khatha No.403	Vacant Land		Converted A Khatha Land	598.11 Sqm	Remaining Portition of Sy.No.498/1	Remaining Portition of Sy.No.498/1	Sy. No: 498/2	Sy. No: 500	None	None	None	Vacant	85,000/- Per Sqm	Sri. K.H Madakumar S/o Late. Chikka Hanumanthappa, Residing at Mahadeshwara Nilaya, Kalkere Village, Horamavu Post, Bangalore - 560043.

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub Divisional / Branch Office	Special Land Acquisition Officer, 2nd Floor, Room No. 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560002.

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Heartland murmurs

Haryana may throw up surprises after the realignments

In Haryana, the incumbent Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) faces a strident challenge from the Congress, where campaigning for the Assembly election ends in a day. All 90 Assembly seats will go to the polls on October 5. Though the contest appears to be bipolar, between the BJP and the Congress on the surface, a few other formations and hundreds of independents could alter the familiar patterns of voter mobilisation. The Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), a former partner of the BJP, is in an alliance with the Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram), and the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) is with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). The Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the Haryana Lokhit Party are also in the fray. After seat sharing negotiations with the Congress failed, the Aam Aadmi Party has fielded candidates across the State. The BJP has tried to defend its track record of 10 years in power and consolidate the OBC voters – one third of the total – through the campaign. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has been presented as a symbol of the party's commitment to empowering the OBC. The BJP is also trying to get a share of the Dalit votes.

The Congress has been a favourite of the Dalits who make up 20% of the State's voters. The alliances, of the JJP-ASP and the INLD-BSP, could influence the two major voting blocs in the State – the Jats and the Dalits. The Congress has managed to sustain its offensive posture though factionalism threatened to derail its campaign. The party has targeted the BJP on talking points such as a threat to the Constitution, the Agnipath scheme for military recruitment, unemployment and price rise. The BJP is also facing a problem of plenty in the State. Having inducted many leaders from other parties, it is now faced with their competing claims. The BJP's victories in Haryana in two consecutive Assembly elections were largely due to the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and good social engineering that mobilised the non-Jat communities of the State. Haryana will be a test for the party on both counts this time. An absence from power for 10 years has cut the Congress some slack in the eyes of voters. Rahul Gandhi's new role as the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha will also face a test in the State. While the BJP's regional leadership is relatively less formidable than the Congress's, their respective impact on the outcome can be unpredictable. The Congress also has a history of undermining its own prospects with excessive intrigues.

Changes at the top

Ministers must infuse confidence in the people they serve

The much-awaited shuffle of the Tamil Nadu Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, was on expected lines, even if not wholly appropriate. There was no major surgery nor any infusion of talent. Three Ministers were dropped, four Ministers, including an old face, were inducted and the portfolios of seven Ministers were changed. The exercise saw representation based on region and caste, a notable inclusion being Govi Chezhiaan, three-time legislator from Thiruvidaimaruthur in the State's central region and belonging to a Scheduled Caste (SC). He has been allocated the Higher Education portfolio that was held by DMK heavyweight K. Ponmudy. After the practice, from 2006, to have separate Ministers to handle school and higher education, this is the first time that an SC legislator has been given a key portfolio, perhaps to counter criticism that the Dravidian majors, the DMK and the AIADMK, do not allocate important portfolios to SCs. The shuffle also met two objectives – elevating Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin as Deputy Chief Minister and re-inducting V. Senthilbalaji, who was released on bail by the Supreme Court days earlier.

Mr. Udhayanidhi, who was ranked tenth in the Cabinet hierarchy, now moves to the third spot, with Water Resources Minister Durai Murugan, who became an MLA in 1971, retaining second spot. It reflects a similar arrangement in 2009 when Mr. Stalin became Deputy Chief Minister during the chief ministership of M. Karunanidhi. Then Finance Minister and the DMK's long-standing General Secretary, K. Anbazhagan, retained the second slot. Ever since Mr. Udhayanidhi's induction as a Minister in December 2022, he has risen in the party and is a "man in demand". But his elevation now raises questions given his political inexperience. As in much of south Asia, dynastic politics has become a norm, which is at variance with democratic principles and social justice. It is also about whether "dynasts" can fulfil the legitimate aspirations of the people they represent. Mr. Udhayanidhi could emerge a leader in his own right if he is able to handle this and stays away from sycophants. A disturbing feature of the Cabinet rejig is the re-entry of Mr. Senthilbalaji as Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, considered to be 'cash cow portfolios', that he held prior to his imprisonment in June 2023 in a money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate in 2021. The main allegation against the Minister concerns the collection of bribes from job aspirants by his associates when he was Transport Minister (2011-15) during the AIADMK regime. As we have already pointed out, the cause of justice for the victims of the job scandal and a fair trial for the accused would be served well if Mr. Senthilbalaji is kept out of the Cabinet until he is cleared of the charges.

The Waqf Bill 2024 is one that needs review

Syed Zafar Mahmood

former OSD, Justice Rajinder Sachar Committee

Our fundamental rights are enshrined in the Constitution, Part III, where, according to Article 26, every religious denomination has the right to manage its own affairs in matters of religion, acquiring, owning and administering property. Also, as in Article 13(2), the state is forbidden to make any law which takes away or abridges the rights conferred by this Part, declaring that any law made in contravention of this clause shall be void.

A case of dilutions

The Waqf Bill 2024 suffers from infringements. The Uttar Pradesh Sri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Act, 1983 provides that no non-Hindu is eligible to be a member of its management at any level. It adds that where any of the four specified Secretaries of the Uttar Pradesh government, Cultural Director and Varanasi's Collector and Commissioner is not Hindu, the person who is available next in the hierarchy shall be a member of the Board. Similar provisions exist in the laws in some other States.

Even the Religious Endowments Act, 1863 says that the 'members of the said committee shall be appointed from among persons professing the religion for the purposes of which the mosque, temple or other religious establishment was founded or is now maintained....' The management of Sikh and Christian properties is done fully by the communities concerned without any state interference.

However, through the Waqf Bill 2024, it has been proposed by the Minority Affairs Ministry to reserve for 'non-Muslims', two member seats each in the Central Waqf Council and all the State Waqf Boards. And, the statutory requirement of being Muslim is proposed to be removed for a majority of the seats in all these bodies governing waqf properties.

One can recall that the earlier JPC Waqf (1996-2006) had worked for close to a decade, having sought information through advertisements inserted in a number of newspapers published across India in all the scheduled languages. The Justice Rajinder Sachar Committee had also done its homework for 18 months. Both had travelled across India separately to listen to and receive representations from the multiplicity of stakeholders and people in general. The data collected were later collated by professional consultants. Such a huge exercise was the basis of drafting the Bill that was enacted as the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2013, strengthening the hitherto existing Waqf law with robust improvements.

Now, through the Waqf Bill 2024, the Ministry is attempting to omit these and many other existing provisions that strengthen the waqf administration in India.

The Bill suffers from procedural irregularities and has retrograde steps and irrationalities

Unlike the Justice Sachar Committee and the earlier decade-long Waqf JPC, it did not carry out a similar exercise – of reaching out to people especially stakeholders such as the Central Waqf Council (CWC), the State Waqf Boards, the *mutawallis* (managers of waqfs) and the well-known national-level Muslim socio-religious organisations and institutions. Even their starting point should not have been the Waqf Bill 2024. Rather, it should have been 2014 since when the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2013 had to be implemented.

Such work, of reaching out to the stakeholders across India and people in general, and collecting information should have been done by the apex body of waqf management, i.e., the CWC, whose statutory membership the Ministry has, ironically, kept vacant for the last couple of years. The council has to have 20 members, all of whom are mandated to be Muslim. Even the secretary has to be Muslim. But, for two years, there was only the chairman (the Minister himself). There has been no full-time Muslim secretary of the council. For the last two years, the Ministry has given additional charge of Secretary, CWC to an officer of the ministry who is not Muslim and whose hands are full with his original charge.

So, the provisions of the existing waqf law (Section 9) stand violated. And, the 2024 Bill has been drafted, presented and piloted by the Ministry by largely leaving out the Muslim community whose say in the matter could have at least been made possible through the CWC. Incidentally, it is interesting that the internal management of the CWC is financed from income of the waqfs linked to the mandatory 1% annual income contributed by the State Waqf Boards.

Reconstitute the CWC

Now, in keeping with universally acclaimed democratic and legislative traditions, the Ministry would do well to quickly reconstitute the CWC in accordance with existing waqf law. And, such a reconstituted council should steer and supervise the process of collecting facts, data and views in association with all the state Waqf Boards, the *mutawallis* and national-level Muslim non-government organisations and institutions.

For two years, even the council's normal statutory works (monitoring the works done by the State Waqf Boards, including financial performance, surveys, revenue records, maintenance of waqf deeds, removing encroachments of waqf properties and audit) have been affected.

On the other hand, as against the existing mandate of 100% statutory Muslim membership in the CWC as well as in the State Waqf Boards, the 2024 Bill proposes to reduce it to less than 50%. Also proposed is dropping the requirement of the CWC Secretary and CEOs of all State Waqf boards being Muslim. It is difficult to fathom why the Ministry wants this, contrary to Articles 15, 25, 26, 29. When the management of endowments of all faiths by people of the faith concerned is statutorily guaranteed, why should not the waqfs be managed fully by the Muslim community?

There is some confusion regarding the proposal in the Waqf Bill to have at least two women in the CWC and in the State Waqf Boards. This was already done through the Waqf Amendment Act 2013 and notified in the gazette on September 23 of that year. The Ministry needs to re-examine this proposal and issue a clarification. The Bill proposes to remove the expert on Muslim law from the Waqf tribunal's bench, wishes to do away with the finality of the tribunal's orders and waters down the level of punishment in violations of the law by encroachers and other offenders. It withdraws the discretion of State Waqf boards to identify derelictions and proceed against encroachers. It proposes derecognising all 'waqfs-by-user' and enjoins upon the central government to create and control a new portal wherein every existing waqf has to re-register itself supported by the original waqf deed even though it is centuries old. If this is not done, even normal legal rights will be denied to such waqfs.

The Bill proposes to discontinue the mandatory implementation of the donor's will (*Mansha-e-Waaqif*) and withdraws the existing benefit to Waqf law from the application of the limitation Act even though it remains available to similar properties of other faiths. Such infringements run through various proposals of the Bill.

Thus, the Bill deserves to be returned to the Ministry on account of procedural irregularities, infringements, retrograde steps, irrationalities, non-justifications and preconceived notions.

Number of waqf properties

There is also confusion about the number of waqf properties in India. It is important to note that there is only one authentic figure – 4,90,021 – available for public access in the Report of the Justice Sachar Committee (p 220). This figure is based on written communications received from the State Waqf Boards. The recent exercise of GPS/GIS mapping of waqf properties counts 'manageable units', which may be many in every waqf property.

In France, a summit for diplomacy, tech and diversity

Thierry Mathou

the Ambassador of France to India

France will host over 100 Heads of states and government and high-ranking officials for the 19th Francophonie Summit on October 4-5, 2024. The summit will take place in Paris and in Villers-Cotterêts, a city where, in 1539, King François I declared French as the country's official language. It will deal with a number of key international questions that also matter to many non-French-speaking countries, and especially to India. These include the renewal of multilateralism; and major digital issues linked to the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as well as the need to promote cultural and linguistic diversity.

As the famous Senegalese President and poet Léopold Sédar Senghor said, "Francophonie is the integral Humanism." One of the key messages of the summit will be that: far from being barriers or creating divides, multilingualism and cultural diversity foster mutually beneficial exchanges and collective thinking, and, as such, should be cherished. I have every reason to believe that this spirit, shared by 321 million French speakers across the world, including Puducherry (India), also resonates with India's own priorities.

Reducing the divide

Founded in 1970, the l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (the International Organization of La Francophonie) is an institution organising relations between countries that use the French language. Prominent statesmen such as Léopold Sédar Senghor, Habib Bourguiba (Tunisia), Hamani Diori (Niger) and Norodom Sihanouk (Cambodia) were among its founding fathers.

The aim of the organisation is to promote the French language and cooperation between its 88 Member States and Governments (54 full-fledged members, seven associate members and 27 observer members). This aim is enshrined in the Charter of La Francophonie, adopted in 1997 at the Hanoi Summit. From the outset, the organisation has been a forum of discussions and projects between countries boasting diverse cultures, economic and geographic situations as well as different political orientations. Francophonie has been promoting democracy, peace, prosperity with the idea of reducing any so-called "North/South divide" as well as bolstering cultural and linguistic diversity. Today, La Francophonie also provides a cooperation framework for key global issues such as digital technology, gender equality, and economic matters, under the leadership of Secretary General Louise Mushikiwabo, former Rwandan Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The 19th Francophonie Summit has priorities that will resonate with those of India's

Renewing multilateralism

In the face of a fragmented world, the Summit, which takes place every two years under the leadership of a rotating host country, is meeting to decide on the main orientations of the organisation. For the first time in 33 years, the summit will be hosted by France. Upholding "Create, Innovate and do Business in French", the theme, a new method of discussion will be followed during the Summit. Civil society stakeholders will be able to exchange more directly with summit officials to promote solutions and explore new avenues for cooperation.

Heads of states and high-ranking officials will deliberate in Paris on how to renew multilateralism. As France's President Emmanuel Macron has stated in his speech at the 79th United Nations General Assembly, the renewal of multilateralism implies that we must change the governance composition of our main institutions. This is the reason why France supports the bid by India and other G-4 nations for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. We need to make our international institutions more efficient, which also means making them more representative. Beyond that, we need to work on a common financial agenda and to thoroughly reform the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

As President Macron has pointed out: "These institutions were conceived, designed and calibrated at a time when the challenges were not the same, when the world economy was not the same size, when demographics had nothing to do with it. We need to give these institutions the capacity to act to finance the projects that the countries of the South need. This reform is imperative for our collective credibility." As we need to build an agenda that allows us to tackle climate change, biodiversity preservation, global health issues, as well as reduce inequalities, France believes that La Francophonie can make an important contribution in this regard.

A focus on digital technology

The summit will also have a major focus on digital technology at a time when AI is proliferating in our societies. AI tools have raised new questions about the protection of creation and the promotion of diversity. Platforms must be able to enforce citizens' rights in their own language, while AI can also become a tremendous asset for French and all other languages, by facilitating translation. As it is one of the civilizational challenges of our century, France will follow up on these deliberations by hosting the AI Action Summit in February 2025.

On the margins of this summit, the first FrancoTech Fair, a major event that will bring together more than 150 exhibitors from various nations to discuss pressing challenges of our times, will be held. Topics will include opportunities and challenges in developing AI; energy transition; education, and, more broadly, human capital development. For young Indian innovators with international ambitions, this event will offer opportunities with Francophone actors from around the globe.

Multilateralism, innovation, AI, cultural and linguistic diversity. I believe that all these La Francophonie topics are of shared interest and importance for France and India. The Paris AI Action Summit in 2025 as well as the India-France Year of Innovation that will be launched in 2026 will be important moments to push forward new collective solutions in these fields.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Court's view

The Supreme Court of India's words to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, asking Mr. Naidu to "Keep gods away from politics", (October 1), is advice that should be heeded by all. Religion and matters religious arouse sentiments often at the extremes. That said, it is all the more unbecoming of constitutional functionaries to drag in religious matters to gain political mileage. Almost all politicians and political parties are guilty of abusing the sentiments of people, religious or otherwise. One hopes that maturity prevails and those concerned engage in constructive dialogue and action.

Jose Abraham,
Vaikom, Kottayam, Kerala

We should compliment the people of Andhra Pradesh and devotees in general who have understood the motives of the Chief Minister who has been elected to govern and work better than the previous regime. Every political leader and political parties across the spectrum should take serious note of the Court's message — keep the gods away from politics.

N. Nagarajan,
Secunderabad

The wanton war

Israel is on a frenzied killing spree, without let or hindrance, in Gaza, West Bank and Lebanon. Even as Israel is widening its military campaign in West Asia, resulting in needless pain, the world looks the other way. Israel's determination to pursue war contrasts with the international community's lack of determination to force it to end the war. The world seems to have lost its sense of justice.

G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

The Israel-Hamas conflict is also a human rights issue with distressing casualties. An immediate ceasefire, rehabilitation of displaced civilians, and a discussion between the parties involved cannot be put off.

Abirami S.,
Chennai

Second Test

The audacious display of stroke-making by India in their first innings caught the Bangladeshi team off-guard and set the stage for a thrilling win in the second Test. Full credit must be given to the Indian players for their skill and aggression and also to the Indian think-tank ('Sport' page, October 1).

Lalgudi Muralidharan,
Lalgudi, Tamil Nadu

It is time to fix the UPSC selection process

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The image of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) has taken a serious beating ever since the Puja Khedkar episode came to light. Ms. Khedkar has unwittingly exposed the chinks or rather the gaping holes in the system. When seen along with the National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (NEET) fiasco, it becomes clear that India has a huge task at hand in restoring the image of the civil services, institutions of higher learning, as well as the organisations responsible for these national-level selections.

Gaping holes

While the NEET controversy was a one-time mismanagement of an exam paper, the UPSC case has serious long-term implications for not only the creamy layer concept in Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation, but also for reservations for economically weaker sections (EWS), which were started a few years ago. For both these categories, people need to submit income certificates issued by the Tehsildar. This process has come under severe criticism in this case.

While there have also been complaints of candidates fraudulently posing as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe members, these can be verified on the ground. However, this is not the case with the EWS or the OBC quota system, as well as the disability category, which can all be gamed.

On the income issue, there is still no clarity on whether the candidate's income or the candidate's father's income is to be considered. Also, let us say a man gets into the Indian Revenue Service under the OBC/EWS category and later reapplies for the UPSC exam because he wants to get into the IAS. His income has crossed the threshold in the interim period. What happens then? If income is dynamic, how can a one-time snapshot of a person's economic status be accepted indefinitely? In our experience, once the status of a person is established by a certificate, it is neither reported differently by the applicant nor is it verified by the authorities concerned. In many cases, we have seen candidates failing to clear the exam the first time and then clearing it with an EWS certificate. To make matters worse, the Tehsildar who is charged with the responsibility of issuing the income certificate has no wherewithal or credentials to actually do so. They only issue it because, as some may argue, "this is how it has always been done." If a candidate's OBC father is rich and owns companies' worth of money but does not pay personal income tax, there is no way the Tehsildar can get to him.

Despite all these questions and problems, there have been no attempts to update the rules on income and disability. Neither has there been any scrutiny of the cases. The rules and procedures do not have legs to stand on, but no one challenges them for fear of opening a can of worms. They invariably look the other way and, in some cases, even make hay while the sun shines. We both spent several years in the Ministry, but we did not have a single case referred to us by institutions seeking clarifications. Nor were any seemingly dubious cases brought to our notice. What we see today is therefore just the tip of the iceberg. It will not be surprising if many such cases tumble out not only from the civil services closet, but also from India's premier higher education institutions. Unfortunately, India does not have a proactive system of scrutiny. There is scrutiny only when someone registers a complaint. Add to this the rampant sifarish (request) culture and we have a 'fair is foul, foul is fair' syndrome, a nightmare even for the best of our administrators.

India has a huge task at hand in restoring the image of the civil services

The way forward

Could more transparency at every stage using technology be the antidote? Had this been done in Ms. Khedkar's case, she would not have managed to sit for the UPSC exam 12 times. However, it is a fact that even a secure system such as the Aadhaar can be gamed. In 2018, for instance, fake biometric data were used to generate Aadhaar numbers to fraudulently claim subsidies on LPG and other welfare schemes.

What then is the solution? To begin with, the government needs to issue clear instructions on both income and disability, which are applicable throughout the country irrespective of State, Ministry, or sector. If need be, bodies could be set up with eminent persons or institutions to help the government reach a consensus on these issues. We need a robust system of verification. We need to adopt practices which are forward-looking and compatible with the times, especially in the disability category, and we need to use advanced technology to combat fraud.

We also need some honest thinking on several scores. The Department of Personnel and Technology must explain the rationale for allowing mental disability within the disability quota for civil services, which require serious and consistent application of mind. It is also unclear why the examination has no aptitude test unlike the Defence Services.

We need to impose serious penalties on officers and doctors who certify people wrongly without doing due diligence. The courts play an important role here. When one wrong person is selected for the services, another deserving candidate is denied their rightful place in the government. The civil services are no place for self-seekers who have no interest in serving the nation and who only clear the exam to enjoy the perks that come with the services, such as a chauffeur-driven car. It is high time we made changes at the procedural and structural levels.

Turning Odisha orange

While the BJP has implemented major promises, it is also rebranding old schemes

STATE OF PLAY

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won a majority of the seats in Odisha during the Assembly elections in June and selected Mohan Charan Majhi, a four-time MLA from the Keonjhar Assembly constituency, to lead the government. While the new government has kept many of its promises, it also faces criticism on some fronts as well as the problem of factionalism.

On September 17, on the Prime Minister's birthday, the Odisha government launched the Subhadra scheme. Targeted at women voters, the scheme promises ₹50,000 to eligible women between the ages of 21 and 60 in 10 installments over the next five years. Before the polls, the BJP had promised to provide every single woman, without any eligibility criteria, of ₹50,000 in cash vouchers. This amount to a single woman covers almost 30% of the expenditure of rural Odisha households, according to Household Consumption Expenditure Survey, 2022-23. Implementation is now slightly different from the promise.

Under another scheme, the social assistance amount for older people and the differently abled has also been increased, but with certain conditions: the hike is applicable only for those above 80 years and for people who have more than 80% disability. The promised benefits for other sections, such as widows, have not been implemented.

The Odisha government has cleared the promised paddy MSP and initiated a scholarship scheme for Adivasi students dropping out of high school. It has also managed to handle the high-profile Jagannath Puri temple and Ratna Bhandar issue, which seriously impacted the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) government during the elections. The BJP Sankalpa Patra (manifesto) had 21 "top promises". Of these, five or six were concrete and have been carried out.

However, the new government has also been renaming and rebranding many of the housing and social assistance schemes of the previous government. The KALIA scheme was renamed CM-Kisan, and the Biju Swastya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), a healthcare scheme, was repackaged as Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana. Many beneficiaries of the BSKY health card claim that hospitals no longer accept the 'Biju card'. The BJD has alleged that close to 40 such schemes have been rebranded by the State BJP government.

While the government was able to make these changes without much scrutiny or controversy, it faced a lot of criticism when it decided to change the name of the Biju Patnaik Sports Award. Realising that the move had backfired, it hastened to retain the original name. The BJP was unsuccessful in its efforts because former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik is seen as an irreplaceable cultural icon.

In some cases, such as the LAccMI bus scheme, the government has not only altered the name of the scheme but also the bus colours from green to orange to make it seem as if the buses have been newly provided by the BJP. Communication documents, information brochures, and pamphlets related to schemes have all been branded in orange.

Apart from these issues, the BJP is also busy fighting factionalism. There are purportedly at least three factions in the State camp, with the leader of each nursing chief ministerial aspirations. The party high command has stepped in to address these issues.

Meanwhile, since the election, the Congress is going through a churn and has initiated a leadership change. After dissolving the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee, the All-India Congress Committee has constituted a socially equitable 14-member steering committee.

The BJD is also trying to build its base again. After its electoral debacle, while V.K. Pandian, the bureaucrat-turned-politician and a close aide of former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has stopped making public appearances, older leaders in the BJD, such as Arun Kumar Sahoo, Debi Prasad Mishra, and Sarada Nayak, have made a comeback. A reinvigorated Mr. Patnaik has been meeting with local leaders from the State, which will greatly help the party organisation. He has formed a 15-member committee to coordinate party activities and amplify critical issues. He has also formed a 'shadow cabinet' to monitor and raise issues in the public about each government portfolio. However, internal discord in the BJD continues to escalate.

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Torching Dalit homes is a recurring crime in Bihar

Increasingly fewer crimes against Dalits are investigated in Bihar. A small number of them end up in courts and only a fraction among them ends in conviction

DATA POINT

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A fortnight ago, an alleged land mafia in Nawada district attacked and set fire to a Dalit hamlet and more than 30 houses in Bihar. All the houses that were set on fire belonged to people from Scheduled Castes (SC). Cases have been filed under various sections of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and other relevant laws.

According to police investigation, 21 houses were completely burnt. They belonged to SCs from the Manjhi and Ravidas communities. Reports also said that the fire destroyed the utensils, clothes, cots, grains and, in some cases, farm animals of the majority of the households. The government has provided food and temporary shelter for the victims.

Data show that incidents of setting fire to Dalit households are not rare in Bihar. In the six years between 2017 and 2022, more than 35% of all the arson cases across India in which SCs were victims occurred in Bihar, followed by Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh, each of which recorded around 10% of the cases. **Map 1** shows the State-wise number of SC victims in arson cases in the 2017-2022 period.

Bihar recorded the highest number of arson cases in which SCs were victims in 2022, 2021, 2019, and 2018, surpassing the State with the second-highest number by a considerable margin each time. The burning of properties belonging to Dalits is thus a recurring crime in the State.

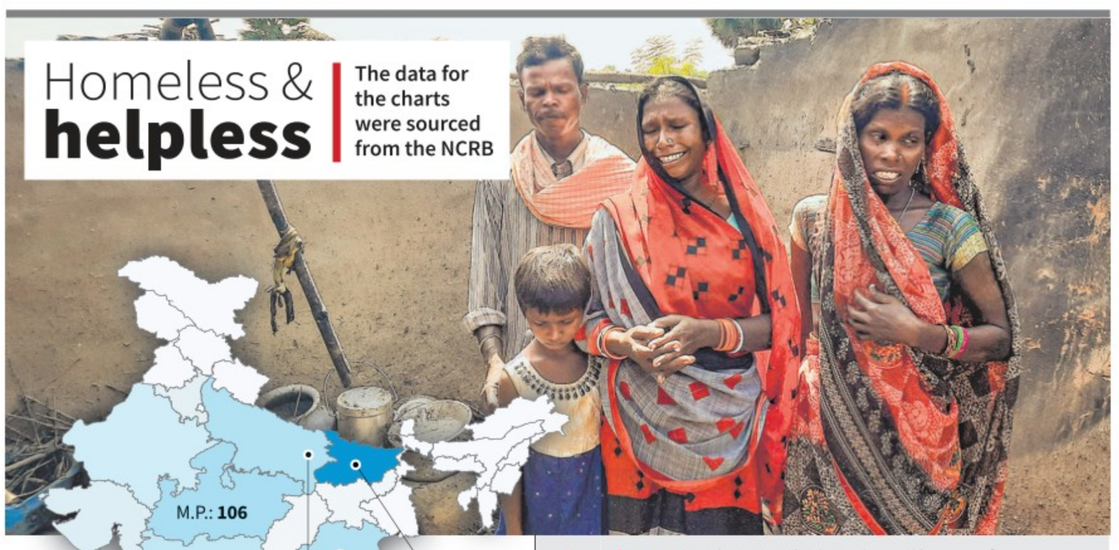
If we take a comprehensive view of all the crimes committed against Dalits in Bihar, it presents a worrying picture. Data show that the number of recorded cases of crimes against SCs that are being investigated by the police is increasing every year in the State, while the number of cases disposed of by the police is decreasing, leading to increased pendency of cases. The number of police cases pending investigation increased from around 3,900 in 2017 to 6,900 in 2022. Disposal of cases include cases transferred to other agencies, cases that resulted in a final report from the police (not sent for trial), and cases that were charge sheeted (sent for trial).

Chart 2A shows the number of recorded cases of crimes against SCs disposed of by the police and those pending at the end of each year. The sum of both forms the total number of cases that were up for investigation at the start of that year.

More worryingly, not only is the number of cases disposed of by the police reducing, but also the share of cases charge sheeted is declining. In other words, an increasing share of cases disposed of by the police do not end up in court. **Chart 2B** shows the charge sheeting rate and pendency rate of investigation of cases of crimes against SCs.

Even among the increasingly fewer cases that end up in court, over 99% are pending at the end of the year; only 1% of trials are completed. The number of cases of crimes against Dalits that were pending trial increased from about 33,000 in 2017 to more than 58,000 in 2022. **Chart 3A** shows the cases in which trials were completed and cases in which trails were pending. The sum of these forms the total number of cases that were up for trial at the start of that year.

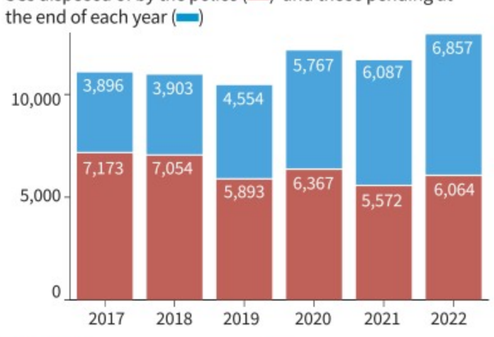
Notably, among the cases for which trials were completed each year, an increasing share of them are resulting in convictions, as shown in **Chart 3B.** However, given that only a fraction of the crimes against SCs actually sees a logical conclusion in court, the absolute number of accused getting convicted is a minuscule minority.



Burnt hopes: Residents inside their charred homes after multiple houses belonging to Dalits were set on fire in Nawada district, Bihar. PTI

Map 1: State-wise number of SC victims in arson cases in the 2017-2022 period

Chart 2A: Number of recorded cases of crimes against SCs disposed of by the police (▬) and those pending at the end of each year (▬)



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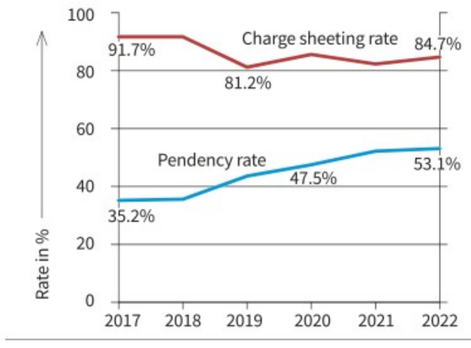

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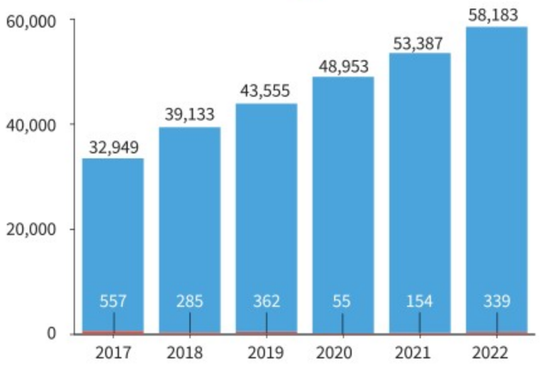

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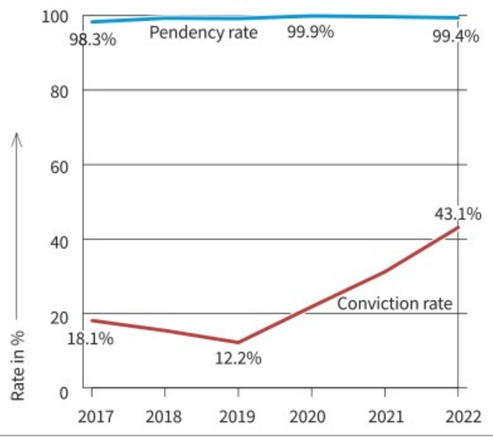

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2, 1974

China builds ICBM base in Tibet

Tokyo, Oct. 1: China has practically completed construction of a giant nuclear base in the recesses of Tibet from where it is expected to carry out launchings of inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) as well as tests for developing nuclear warheads for the ICBMs. The construction of this large base not far from the borders of India can be expected to have an important bearing on the military situation in the sub-continent.

The new Chinese nuclear base is believed to be larger than the one now in existence at Lop Nor in north-west China and is stated to be comparable in scale to a similar American nuclear base in Nevada, according to American and British military experts in India quoted by the Asahi Shimbun here in a report from its New Delhi correspondent. According to the report, the new Chinese base in Tibet, including underground installations and roads, has already been completed, while guiding devices and tracking stations have also been established. Training of personnel to operate the base is now said to be under way shrouded in secrecy during nights.

China is keeping the construction of this nuclear base as such a top secret that even Tibetans engaged in road building and transportation of equipment are not allowed in the vicinity of the base. All work near the base is being done only by Chinese soldiers and scientists. The base is out of bounds even to high-ranking Government and military officials and no one is admitted to the base area without special permission from the topmost military leaders.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2, 1924

Wheat seed from an Egyptian tomb

Tacoma (Washington), Oct. 1: A farmer near Morton harvested a bumper crop of wheat, the original seed of which was obtained from an Egyptian tomb 4 years ago and it is so prolific that sufficient is available for the present year to plant fifteen acres yielding forty-eight and a half bushels per acre. The grain is white and very hard.

From Page One

Iran fires missiles at Israel, issues warning

"For the time being, we have suspended incoming and outgoing flights at Tehran International Airport," the ISNA news agency quoted airport chief Said Chalandari as saying.

Hamas praised Iran's missile attack as "heroic".

"The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) blesses the heroic rocket launches carried out by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Iran against wide areas of our occupied lands," a statement said, adding it was "in revenge for the blood of our heroic martyr".

In Washington, U.S. President Joe Biden said the U.S. was prepared to help Israel defend itself from Iranian missile attacks. "We discussed how the United States is prepared to help Israel defend against these attacks, and protect American personnel in the region," Mr. Biden said on X about a meeting held with Vice President Kamala Harris and the White House national security team earlier in the day.

LAC situation is not normal, says Army chief

On any possible movement in disengagement from the two remaining friction points, the Army chief said whatever the "low hanging fruits" were, those had already been resolved. He spoke of finding a win-win situation on other difficult aspects. "So some kind of indication has been given from both the diplomatic sides. Now the military side will sit together and see how this can be translated on ground. What is on the table? Everything we can think of is on the table along the northern front, and it also includes Depsang and Demchok," General Dwivedi said.

On the situation in Manipur, the Army chief observed that a rumour led to major violence. "Over a period of time, it has become a battle of narratives. There is polarisation between communities. The situation may be stable today, but it is tense."

There was weaponisation of society to some extent due to stolen weapons, he said, of which around 25% had been recovered so far. He, however, said there were no drone bombs. He also refuted claims of infiltration by 900 anti-national elements. The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs), which had reached 60,000 at one point, had come down to below 40,000. "We are trying to calm down the situation. We are trying to restore trust," he said.

In this regard, he stressed that the build-up of wrong narratives should not be allowed. He referred to the narrative on drone bombs. "We had gone on ground and checked, there is no bomb drone. Then was another wrong narrative that 900 anti-national elements have infiltrated. We checked up, there is nothing like that," he stated, adding that if the wrong narrative is controlled, things will be alright.

To a question on new Chinese model villages coming up close to the LAC, he said that there was hardly any Chinese or Tibetan population near the border. "They [China] are carrying out this artificial migration, settlement, which was no problem as it's their country. But what we see in the South China Sea... When we talk about the grey zone, initially we find fishermen and those are the kind of people who are in the forefront. And in order to save them, then you find the military moving in...," he remarked, saying this was leading to some kind of a grey zone, where the causation may have a "grandiose design behind it".

Ladakh shuts down after protesters marching to Delhi detained by police

Member of Parliament Mohmad Haneefa detained when he went to meet protesters at Singhu border; Sonam Wangchuk begins indefinite hunger strike; Rahul Gandhi slams Modi over police action; Leh Apex Body says it will intensify agitation

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Ladakh's Member of Parliament Mohmad Haneefa was detained by the Delhi Police on Tuesday, a day after more than a hundred protesters from Ladakh, including climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, were detained by police at the Delhi-Haryana boundary.

Mr. Wangchuk and others in police detention began an indefinite hunger strike in Delhi on Tuesday, even as Ladakh erupted in protest. The entire region shut down in outrage over the "illegal and unconstitutional" detention of the delegation which started its march to Delhi from Leh on September 1 to demand constitutional safeguards for the region. The march was to culminate at Rajghat on Wednesday.

Cherring Dorjay Lakruk, co-convener of the Leh Apex Body (LAB), an influential civil society organisation, told *The Hindu* that he was "shocked" by the treatment meted out to peaceful protesters, including 80-year old men and women, who have been walking since September 1, traversing rocky and hilly terrain.

'Protests will intensify'

"Our people are not used to walking in such heat, they have blisters on their feet. As they approached Delhi on Monday, they were detained and taken to a police station and made to sleep on the floor," said Mr. Lakruk, a former member of the BJP. He said that the Ladakhis would intensify their protests and demanded that the Union Home Ministry resume dialogue with the high-powered committee that was set up in 2023 to address their grievances.

The Ladakh MP said that he was detained by the police when he went to meet a group of protestors from Kargil who were stopped at the Singhu border on Tuesday morning. His phone could not be reached through much of the day. When *The Hindu* spoke with Mr. Haneefa at noon, he said, "We don't know where the police are taking us."

Demanding rights: People from Ladakh detained at Arya Samaj, Narela, in New Delhi on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

"Not even a single complaint of violence has been reported since the march started. Instead, it received huge support from people in other States," Mr. Lakruk said. "The government may have been concerned with the huge support that we may get in Delhi and that people would come and join us in large numbers leading to the possibility of a law and order situation, that is why they curtailed the *padyatra* like this. The whole of Ladakh is out on the streets today, they are angry," he added.

The Congress backed the protests, with Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi stating that the detention of Ladakhis was unacceptable.

"Why are elderly citizens being detained at Delhi's border for standing up for Ladakh's future? Modi *ji*, like with the farmers, this '*Chakravyuh*' will be broken, and so will your arrogance," he said.

Demanding Statehood

Since 2020, the LAB and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) have been demanding Statehood for Ladakh, and its inclusion under the sixth schedule of the Constitution, which protects tribal areas. They are also seeking job reservations for locals, and better electoral representation, in the form of two Lok Sabha seats and one Rajya Sabha seat.

Pleas in court against Sonam Wangchuk's detention

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Two petitions were filed in the Delhi High Court on Tuesday against the detention of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and several others.

The petitions, one filed by social activist Azad, who said he works closely with Mr. Wangchuk and the Leh Apex Body, and another by lawyer Mustafa Haji, legal adviser to the body, are listed for hearing on Thursday.

The petitions assailed the order of the Delhi Police prohibiting assembly of five or more 'unauthorised' people and protests in various parts of the capital, including the boundary, from September 30 to October 5.

Mr. Haji's petition was mentioned for listing before the Chief Justice's Bench before it rose for a lunch break. Refusing to list the matter for Tuesday, the court agreed to list it for hearing on Thursday.

India does not share Japanese PM's view of 'Asian NATO', says Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has said India does not share Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba's view of the Quad and other alliances involving Japan eventually forming an 'Asian NATO' like structure to deter China from using military force. Mr. Ishiba, who assumed the office of Prime Minister on Tuesday, had expressed his views in a Hudson Institute paper released last week.

"He's Japanese. This is a country which has a treaty relationship with the United States," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that countries which had that history and that strategic culture would have a lexicon to match.

The Minister was speaking at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP), a think tank headquartered in Washington, where he is on an official visit.

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> **S. JAISHANKAR**
> External Affairs Minister

"We have never been a treaty ally of any country. We don't have that kind of strategic architecture in mind," Mr. Jaishankar said, when asked about Mr. Ishiba's remarks.

The Minister said he could see a certain evolution of this thinking where Mr. Ishiba was concerned but that "would not be ours [India's thinking]", and that India had a different history and a different way.

In a different segment of the discussion, Mr. Jaishankar had said that India was pursuing a policy of multi-alignment, a result of global rebalancing, accelerated by globalisation. Asked to describe how that differed from non-alignment, India's stated foreign policy doctrine for decades after its independence, Mr. Jaishankar said it differed in a few ways. For instance, he said, a non-aligned policy would not have been compatible with the Quad or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, a grouping of India, the U.S., Australia and Japan.

India is now more willing to make choices, he said, adding that one of the characteristics of the non-aligned era was a reticence about an issue-based joining together with other countries.

Era of multi-alignment

"I think that reticence is less where our stakes are involved," he said, adding, "You would not have a Quad in the non-aligned era, you will have a Quad in [the era of] multi-alignment."

The earlier era was also more defensive and less capability driven, he said, citing the example of Houthi attacks on vessels in the Red Sea. Forty years ago, India may have said something about it but now it can also send ships and contribute to an international effort to secure sea lanes.

India is also willing to take more risks since it wanted certain outcomes, in the multi-aligned policy era, Mr. Jaishankar said.

China reneged on border agreements with India: Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON

External Affairs Minister says until the forward deployments are addressed, tensions will continue

Tensions between India and China would continue as long as there was the forward deployment of troops, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said. India is currently preparing to continue with the forward deployment of its soldiers for the fifth winter.

The overall relationship with China had "not been great" over the last few years because China had reneged on certain agreements it had with India about how to keep the border between the two countries tranquil, Mr. Jaishankar said during a discussion at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) in Washington on Tuesday.

"Those agreements were violated by China in 2020," the Minister said, referring to clashes between Chinese and Indian soldiers in that year on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Both countries had moved thousands of troops to the LAC after the clash.

"...We have forward deployments of our militaries. There are resulting tensions. And until those forward deployments are addressed, the tensions will continue. If the tensions continue, it casts a natural shadow over the rest of the relationship," the Minister said.

Asked about the high volumes of trade between the two countries, the Minister said that any kind of consumption or manufacturing has to inevitably source from China. So trade with China is almost autonomous.

The U.S. commenting on the state of India's democracy is a "testy" issue, Mr. Jaishankar said. There is competition among countries and political forces, he said, adding that in this competitive environment "you expect countries to do as they will".

The government has previously attributed the U.S. government airing its concerns about democratic norms and human rights in India to American "vote bank politics".

'Mutually respectful'

"We think it's important that democracies are mutually respectful," Mr. Jaishankar said.

"It cannot be that one democracy has a right to comment on another, and that's about promoting democracy globally, but when others do that, then it becomes foreign interference," he said.

Mr Jaishankar denied that India was interested in the de-dollarisation of the world economy and seeking alternative currencies as a reserve mechanism.

"I think you have us confused for someone else, " he said, to CEIP director Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar with whom he was in discussion on Tuesday morning.

"We have never targeted the dollar," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that this was not part of India's economic or political thought. However, he said India had trade partners who do not have U.S. dollars and India had to consider either forgoing dealings with them or find alternative settlement mechanisms.

Will protect convicts too from punitive demolitions, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday promised to protect even convicted criminals from State-sponsored punitive demolition of their legal private property, but refused any kind of immunity to public space encroachers, whether they be Hindus or Muslims.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan said a conviction or being accused of a crime was no ground for States to bulldoze private homes and shops. The court, which has proposed to frame pan-India guidelines to protect private property from illegal and targeted demolitions, also said it would not condone or shield encroachments.

"We are a secular country... Whatever we lay down, we lay down for all citizens. There cannot be a particular law for a particular religion. Unauthorised constructions belonging to members of any community have to go," Justice Gavai observed.

The Bench was hearing petitions accusing States like Uttar Pradesh of misusing municipal laws to bulldoze the private property of members of minority communities. The petitions argued that municipal laws were misused for crime-fighting and grandstanding by ruling parties in these States.

Justice Viswanathan pointed out during the hearing that there have been 4.45 lakh demolitions in recent years.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, agreed that even conviction in heinous offences such as rape, murder and terrorism should not lead to punitive demolition. However, he said demolitions under municipal laws must not always be given a communal colour. The law officer expressed an apprehension that the top court's intervention on the basis of a few illegal demolitions may work to encourage encroachments and paralyse 'genuine' demolition of unauthorised structures across the country.

Public interest

"Any religious structure in the middle of a public road, be it a dargah or some temple, it has to go... For us, public safety and public interest are paramount," Justice Gavai said, clarifying that the court's ambit was confined to illegal State demolitions.

Justice Viswanathan illustrated how State action should not display obvious discrimination.

"The real problem is, let's say, there are two structures having violations. But proceedings are initiated [under the municipal law] against only one. You find that the owner or occupant of that structure was accused of a criminal offence just before the proceedings started. Now, that is the issue. Proceedings happen only with this one structure, while the other one remains intact," Justice Viswanathan explained.

The court finally reserved the case for judgment.

'ED case against CM of Karnataka shows vendetta politics'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Throwing its weight behind Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Congress on Tuesday said the money laundering case by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against him in the MUDA land allotment matter is an example of "BJP's politics of vendetta and conspiracy".

Dubbing the ED as the "election department" of the BJP, the Congress alleged that between 2016 and 2022, the BJP toppled about 10 governments as it wants to impose "one nation, one election, one party". On Monday, the ED had registered a case against the Chief Minister under sections of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) over alleged irregularities in allotment of 14 sites to his wife by Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

"This is an attack on the people of Karnataka for electing a Congress government. Because the BJP didn't get 113 MLAs, they have slapped PMLA case. Their refrain is where we don't have MLAs, just have PMLA," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said at a press conference along with Abhishek Singhvi.

Jairam Ramesh

He alleged that from the day the Congress government took oath of office in Karnataka last year, the Centre has been placing hurdles in its functioning and flagship schemes like Anna Bhagya (to give 10 kg of rice free to BPL households) were affected.

Mr. Singhvi said it is clear that the ED is trying its utmost to go below the belt to "browbeat, bulldoze and bully" an elected Congress government and a Chief Minister.

Congress and land deals are synonymous, alleges BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday said the Congress party had a "fascination" for land deals, and also asked if the latter's leaders had become "property dealers".

"...even the family of Congress's national president, Mallikarjun Kharge, is now in the spotlight with the Siddharth Vihar Society [case]. Whether it's Congress's Chief Ministers or its national president, they are making headlines, and let's not forget the much-talked-about *damad* (son-in-law) in the past," Lok Sabha member and former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said.

'Favours to son-in-law'

The BJP leader alleged that in Rajasthan and Haryana, whether it was Ashok Gehlot's government or that of Bhupinder Singh Hooda government, respectively, favours were extended to the son-in-law.

APPEAL

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69.65% turnout in final phase of J&K election

Samba, Udhampur districts see over 75% turnout, Baramulla records lowest at 61.03%; counting will be held on October 8; democracy is taking root more profoundly in Union Territory, says CEC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The third and final phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election saw a voter turnout of 69.65% on Tuesday, with the polling conducted peacefully, according to the Election Commission.

Among the districts, Udhampur recorded the highest polling percentage of 76.09, followed by Samba at 75.88, while Baramulla was the lowest at 61.03, according to provisional data till 11.50 p.m.

A voter turnout of 61.38% and 57.13% had been recorded in the first and second phases, respectively. Counting of votes would take place on October 8.

On Tuesday, polling took place in 40 constituencies. More than 39.18 lakh were eligible to exercise their franchise to decide the fate of 415 candidates. These included former Deputy Chief Ministers Tara Chand and Muzaffar Baig and several former Ministers and legislators.

Making it count: People queue up to cast their votes at a polling station in Bandipora on Tuesday. IMRAN NISSAR

"Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election has marked a significant deepening of democracy, which will echo in the pages of history and continue to inspire a democratic spirit of the region for years to come," Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said in a statement.

The Supreme Court had last year, while upholding the scrapping of Article 370, directed that Assembly election should be held by September 30.

When the last Assembly election was held in 2014, Jammu and Kashmir was a State. The election then was conducted in five phases.

Dedicating the election to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Kumar called it historic. He said democracy was taking root more profoundly than ever before, driven by the will of people.

Jammu and Kashmir has around 87.09 lakh voters. Of the total electorate, 44.46 lakh are men, 42.62 lakh women, and 3.71 lakh people are first-time voters. For migrant voters of the Kashmir division, 24 special polling stations – 19 in Jammu, four in Delhi and one in Udhampur district – had been established.

The poll body said in the statement that no repolls had been ordered so far and compared to 2014, when 170 incidents were reported, no major law and order incidents were reported this time.

"There have been no complaints pertaining to arbitrary preventive detention of political functionaries in these elections which is unprecedented," the commission said.

Seizures worth ₹130 crore were reported, the highest ever in the history of J&K Assembly election and even surpassing the ₹100.94 crore seized during the Lok Sabha election. The bulk of seizures included drugs worth ₹110.45 crore, it said.

In Sonipat, young voters rue lack of jobs while seniors focus on lost land

Satvika Mahajan
NEW DELHI

The entry into Sonipat, Haryana via National Highway-344 is lined with hoardings of townships, high-rise buildings, and elite universities. The 69-year old Savitri Devi, however, remembers the area differently.

She was just 20 years old when she got married in Asawarpur, a village in Sonipat. At that time, she says, there were no townships, no university campus, and no industries. There was only agriculture, but now, that is slowly fading away as most farmers have sold off their land.

"Those who could afford to buy and build new land managed to sustain themselves, but those who could not started working in nearby factories as contractual workers, as drivers, or whatever other odd jobs they could find," Ms. Devi says.

Spread over 2,000 acres, the Rajiv Gandhi Education City was planned as a hub for higher learning and a centre for research in cutting-edge technologies by the Congress government in 2009, just ahead of that year's Assembly election. As private university campuses started popping up, villages such as Asawarpur, Patla, Khewra, and Seoli started shrinking.

Poll issues: BJP supporters at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting in Sonipat on September 25. ANI

Om Prakash, 70, owned one-and-a-half acres of land in Asawarpur along with his three brothers, where they grew enough to sustain themselves and their families. "In 2005, we received notices from the government telling us that they would be acquiring the land to build the education city at the cost of ₹12 lakh per acre," he recalls.

Private players

"We were never told that they will further sell the land to private players. They sold the land at triple the cost they bought from us, leaving us to barely manage. Around 2011, they gave us some more money after a High Court ruling, but all of that has gone into lawyer fees or the cost of raising our families," he says. Mr. Prakash is just one of the many former landowners who is still upset at the then-Congress government for acquiring the land at minimum cost and then selling it off to mostly private players.

In Seoli village, Surender Singh, 52, says, "None of our children can afford to study in expensive private universities, and most of the employees of the university are also not from the surrounding villages."

In the villages of Sonipat constituency, land and employment remain a sore point and have come to the fore again ahead of the Assembly election. The fight is between the Congress's Surender Panwar and the BJP's Nikhil Madaan.

Villagers explain that there is still lingering anger against the previous Congress government. "If we knew that our land will be sold to private players, we would have brokered the deals ourselves and reaped the benefits, but we were given the short end of the stick, our villages were destroyed slowly," says Mr. Prakash.

"That is a thing of the past, now nothing can be done about this. Therefore, many of us would rather demand jobs from the government, so we can build our homes," says Anil Pal, 31, a contractual worker in a factory in Sonipat's industrial area and a resident of Khewra.

He attributes the differing opinions to a generational divide. "Many of the elders think that the Congress, instead of acting in their interest, acted as if they were property dealers. But the younger generations that do not remember the farmland, hold the BJP accountable for lack of secure employment opportunities," he says.

West Pakistan refugees vote for first time in J&K polls

Press Trust of India
RS PURA (JAMMU)

Ruldu Ram's joy knew no bounds after he voted for the first time in his life at the age of 90, nearly eight decades after migrating from Pakistan during the Partition. He was among hundreds of West Pakistan refugees in the border town of R.S. Pura who cast their votes for the Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

"I voted for the first time. I was not entitled to vote before. We came from West Pakistan in 1947," he said.

Around two lakh people from three communities – West Pakistan refugees (WPR), Valmikis and Gurkhas – residing in various areas of Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts, particularly in the border regions, got domicile status following the revocation of Articles 370 and 35-A.

This made them natives of Jammu and Kashmir and therefore they have rights to vote in the Assembly elections, employment, education, and land ownership. Previously they could vote only in the Lok Sabha elections.

BJP keeps Manohar Lal Khattar away from Haryana poll spotlight

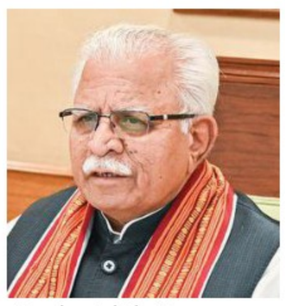
Sobhana K. Nair
Nistula Hebbar
KARNAL/NEW DELHI

As the campaign for the Assembly election in Haryana reaches a crescendo, the silence and invisibility of Union Minister and former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar rings loud.

Mr. Khattar, the Chief Minister of Haryana for nine years, before he was replaced by incumbent Nayab Singh Saini just before the Lok Sabha election, was involved in deciding ticket for party candidates before the Assembly election campaign was rolled out, but he has been largely absent since.

Even in Karnal, an area that he has represented both in the Assembly in the past and currently in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Khattar's face is missing from the BJP's posters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed four public meetings in the State, including one rally in Palwal on Tuesday. Out of these, Mr. Khattar was present only at a rally in Hisar.

"He [Mr. Khattar] was replaced as Chief Minister largely because the BJP wanted to undercut anti-incumbency factor in the State, especially among party workers," a senior leader of the BJP, who did not wish to be named, said. A decision was made to coalesce the BJP's campaign behind Mr. Saini's face, along with that of Mr. Modi, which in Karnal at least seems to be having a mixed result.



Manohar Lal Khattar

In Karnal, voters have been vocal over their dissatisfaction with the Khattar administration. "Karnal has had the distinction of being the CM's city for nine years. What have we got in return for it? There is no new factory, the infrastructure hasn't improved either, and law and order is in tatters. We can't step out at night," Vinod Kumar, a photographer who works at a studio in Karnal city, said. Having voted for the BJP in the past two elections, Mr. Kumar said he would go along with the larger mood this time.

"Under Mr. Khattar's regime, the bureaucracy ruled. His scheme to digitise land records, started in good faith, but he let the bureaucracy have a free run. Now people are running from pillar to post to get the records corrected," Ishwar Kumar, who belongs to the Pal community, an Other Backward Class (OBC) group, said.

A salesperson by profession, Mr. Ishwar has been an ardent BJP supporter and is not planning to shift in this election season. "The BJP, for the first time ever, gave the opportunity to an OBC. No one from our community ever got jobs in the Congress regime that worked only for Jats or SCs [Scheduled Castes]. By appointing Nayab Singh Saini, they [the BJP] showed this could change," he said.

The BJP, by effecting a change of the Chief Minister while accommodating Mr. Khattar as Union Minister, is attempting to turn the page on its prospects in Haryana, signalling to the electorate to vote for it in spite of Mr. Khattar rather than because of him.

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INBRIEF

Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sarin is first woman to head AFMS

Surgeon Vice-Admiral Arti Sarin on Tuesday became the first woman officer to assume charge as the Director-General of the Armed Forces Medical Services, the Defence Ministry said. The DGAFMS is directly responsible to the Defence Ministry for overall medical policy matters relating to the armed forces. "The Flag Officer has the rare distinction of serving in all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces, having served as Lieutenant to Captain in the Indian Army, from Surgeon Lieutenant to Surgeon Vice-Admiral in the Indian Navy and as an Air Marshal in the Indian Air Force," the Ministry said. She is an alumna of AFMC, Pune and was commissioned into AFMS in December 1985.

Seven children injured in Bihar explosion; probe on

At least seven children were injured in an explosion near a garbage dump in Bhagalpur district of Bihar on Tuesday. The children were admitted to the nearest Government Medical College and Hospital in Bhagalpur, where the condition of three is said to be critical. The police have started an investigation into the incident, which took place at Shahjahin ground in Khilafat Nagar locality under Habibpur police station around noon. The children, all said to be aged below 12, were playing when the explosion took place.

West Bengal doctors resume strike, say demands not met

Doctors accuse State govt. of not taking steps for their security; they will protest till they see 'clear action on their demands'; Trinamool calls strike plan unfortunate; BJP seeks Mamata's resignation

Moyurie Som
KOLKATA

Resident doctors in West Bengal restarted their cease-work agitation on Tuesday, alleging that the State government had not taken adequate steps to ensure their security and safety in State-run hospitals.

"In this situation, we are compelled to return to a full cease work starting from today. Unless we receive clear action from the government on safety, patient services, and the politics of fear, we will have no choice but to continue our full strike," the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front (WBJDF) said.

It was on September 21 that the doctors resumed duties after calling off their cease-work strike that began on August 9, following the rape and murder of a woman doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

Ten demands

The doctors, who sought safety and an end to the "threat culture", had returned to work following assurances from the West Bengal government.

Members of the citizen forum, including doctors, protest on Tuesday against the rape and murder of a resident doctor in Kolkata. AP

In their statement on Tuesday, they reiterated their 10 demands, including the removal of the State's Principal Health Secretary, establishment of task forces in every medical college, increased police protection in hospitals, and immediate hiring for all staff vacancies.

The WBJDF's decision comes a day after the Supreme Court hearing, where counsel Indira Jaising representing the junior doctors informed the Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud that doctors had resumed essential services, including in-patient and out-patient services.

"On September 19, the Chief Secretary assigned the Health Secretary the responsibility to implement all decisions related to structural changes for our safety and patient services. However, even after 11 days, we have seen no visible changes," the WBJDF said on Tuesday. They highlighted that despite them resuming duty, the State government had made little progress on measures such as installing CCTVs, recruiting police, ensuring a centralised referral system or hiring of healthcare workers.

During the hearing on September 30, counsel representing the government said the promised measures would be completed by October 31, and some by October 15.

Aniket Mahato, a junior doctor, said, "We are not saying we will resume work only after the implementation of all directives. We had hoped to see a proactive approach by the State government in fulfilling what they had promised us, but they have displayed no willingness to do so."

On Tuesday, junior doctors also cited instances of attacks on doctors at the Sagore Dutta Medical College and Hospital and the National Medical College and Hospital.

Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh said the doctors's decision to go on strike was "unfortunate" considering the flood situation in the Damodar river basin in south Bengal and the Durga Puja festivities.

Union Minister and BJP leader Sukanta Majumdar said the time was right for Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to resign, claiming that she was unable to resolve the situation.

Monsoon ends with 8% more rainfall than normal in season: IMD

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The southwest monsoon this year was 8% over its long-term average, however, rainfall is likely to continue in October and November with above-normal rainfall expected, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.

About 35% of the country received excess rainfall and slightly over half, or 54%, received normal rainfall. Monthly rainfall over the country as a whole was 89% of the average in June, 9% more than normal of July, 15% above the normal of August, and 12% over the normal of September.

The actual monsoon performance – of above average rainfall – is in line with what the agency has forecast since July.

During the monsoon months, the agency had said that a key factor for bountiful rainfall would be La Nina, or a minimum half a degree cooling of the Central Equatorial Pacific, that was to have set in by September. This, however, has not happened with most of the international climate models, including India's, going wrong on this factor. "We don't know specifically why La Nina hasn't set in but most models, on average, give a 71% chance for La Nina to set in during October, November, and December," said M. Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD.

The main reason for good rainfall was the formation of several low pressure systems, or moisture-laden winds from the Arabian Sea or the Bay of Bengal, with 14 of them having formed from June to September.

October-December rain

According to the IMD's forecast, the rainfall over south peninsular India consisting of five meteorological subdivisions (Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Kerala, and south interior Karnataka) during the post-monsoon season from October to December will likely be above normal, or at least 12% more than what is usual for the three months combined. The average rainfall from 1971 to 2020 is about 33 centimetres.

However, most parts of northwest India, some parts of northeast India, and southernmost parts of India are likely to receive normal to below-normal rainfall.

India and France discuss defence cooperation and efforts to advance peace

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

France appreciates Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives to advance peace, French President Emmanuel Macron said on Tuesday, while meeting National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, who was in Paris for the India-France Strategic Dialogue.

Mr. Doval also discussed India's plans to procure French planes and submarines for the Navy during talks with his counterpart, the French President's Diplomatic Adviser Emmanuel Bonne, as well as French Armed Forces Minister Sebastien Lecornu. Sources have confirmed that France had agreed to a "significant reduction" in the cost of 26 Rafale-M fighters.

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval with French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Tuesday. PTI

"[Mr. Doval] reiterated the commitment to implement the Horizon 2047," the Indian Embassy in France said in a post, adding that Mr. Macron had "stressed the value of India and France's efforts to advance peace and address global challenges; appreciated Mr. Modi's initiatives". While the reference to the peace initiatives is mainly in relation to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and New Delhi's efforts to mediate between Kyiv and Moscow, the NSA's visit came even as Israel announced its ground invasion of Lebanon. In the past few days, Mr. Macron has spoken to the U.S. President Joe Biden, asking him to put pressure on Israel to stop its advances into Lebanon.

CM orders probe into sexual harassment at Mumbai hospital

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Tuesday directed Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Bhushan Gagrani to immediately transfer Sudhir Medhekar, dean of B.Y.L. Nair Hospital and Medical College, in light of a sexual harassment case against a now-suspended assistant professor.

Dr. Medhekar was accused of not taking timely action against the accused despite receiving complaints from students.

The Association of State Medical Interns (ASMI) met Mr. Shinde and requested a thorough probe into the case. Following this, the Chief Minister has called for swift action and assured that justice would be delivered to the victims.

The association members urged the administration not to assign the transferred faculty member until the current batches have graduated. A member also requested that these faculty members should not be appointed as external coordinators during exams. "Along with these two demands, we are also calling for stronger enforcement of PoSH regulations," the member added.

The Chief Minister said a special inquiry committee will be formed to conduct a thorough investigation into the case.

"Incidents like these in the healthcare sector are extremely serious. We will ensure a full investigation and take strict action against those responsible, he said.

Recently, several women students lodged complaints against the assistant professor, accusing him of sexual harassment.

8 products used by Assam tribe, including traditional food items, granted GI tag

Sangeetha Kandavel
CHENNAI

A GI tag has been secured by 'Bodo Napham', a dish prepared with fermented fish

The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai has granted the GI tag to eight products from Assam, including traditional food items and several unique varieties of rice beer.

The application for Geographical Indication tags for three variants of rice beer was filed by the Bodo Traditional Brewers Association.

The first variant, 'Bodo Jou Gwran', has the highest percentage of alcohol (about 16.11%) compared with other varieties of rice beer made by the Bodo community.

The second variant, 'Maibra Jou Bidwi', known locally as 'Maibra Jwu Bidwi' or 'Maibra Zwu Bidwi', is revered and served as a welcome drink by most Bodo tribes. It's prepared by fermenting half-cooked rice (*mairong*) with less water, and adding a little '*amao*' (a potential source of yeast) to it.

The third variant, called 'Bodo Jou Gishi', is also a traditionally fermented rice-based alcoholic beverage.

The GI filing states Bodoland has had a tradition of consuming rice beer since times immemorial. The Bodo people believe the drink originated from Lord Shiva, and it's taken as a medicine.

The Association of Traditional Food Products applied for four GI tags and obtained them successfully. A GI tag has been secured by 'Bodo Napham', a dish prepared with fermented fish.

A GI tag has also been secured by 'Bodo Ondla', a rice powder curry flavoured with garlic, ginger, salt, and alkali.

The 'Bodo Gwkha' has also received the GI tag. Locally also known as 'Gwka Gwkhi', it's prepared during the Bwisagu festival.

The fourth speciality given the GI tag is 'Bodo Narzi', a semi-fermented food prepared with jute leaves (*Corchorus capsularis*), a rich source of Omega 3 fatty acids, vitamins and essential minerals, including calcium and magnesium.

The 'Bodo Aronai', a small, beautiful cloth, also has the GI tag following the application by the Association of Traditional Bodo Weavers.

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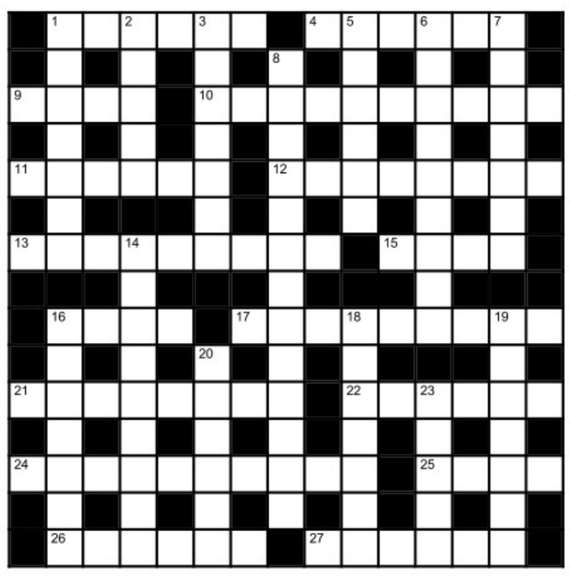

Across

1 Weak fumble around! Bold live on the edge! (6)
4 Did men lay about in the mood? (6)
9 Unemployed evacuated for heartless elite (4)
10 Liberal presenter introducing India's primary concern (10)
11 Understand cops? Hard for segregated minority! (6)
12 The best fellow drops in (8)
13 Sensual, generous love arouses (9)
15 Sphere of zen exercises encompassing love! (4)
16 Colliery ambience, now and then! (4)
17 Speed, speed and speed, switched-on for long distance traveller (9)
21 Electrical switch is sort of a resistance tool (8)
22 Rotating its head, deer turns back towards right to find an antelope! (6)
24 First proper gold ring (10)
25 Count, without queen's support, is dead (4)
26 Dig air around new leader of Labour (6)
27 Most come in contact with divined image (6)

Down

1 More hair, different, trimmed at the front (7)
2 Not softly, not loudly, perfect pitch! (5)
3 Wild one going off to rest (3,4)
5 Attack and raid on poor (6)
6 Mockeries of ganglords entertaining ex-queen and spies from neighbourhood (9)
7 Fate creeps in clandestinely (7)
8 Fights back at the start! Heads to higher position with every failure! Ignoring society! That is stoicism! (5,5,3)
14 Noble land has new Latin name from the South (9)
16 Furry creature with ape-men, possibly for amusement park! (7)
18 Composer's heart rears evil (7)
19 Working male in an Islamic Republic, a hero! (7)
20 Staff has right to strip (6)
23 When nuisance camouflages boredom? (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	8	4	5	1	3	6	9	2

FAITH

Importance of Mahalayam

The Tamil month of Purattasi is extremely auspicious and significantly so, as this is the period of Mahalaya Paksham. The two weeks from Krishna paksha pradhamai to the Amavasya of Bhadrapada month is called Mahalaya Paksham, with the final day of Mahalaya Paksham being the Mahalaya Amavasya. Mahalayam means coming to live together in groups, and one's ancestors are believed to descend from pitru loka and dwell with their descendants during this auspicious period, said Tirukkudanthai Dr. Venkatesh. Legend has it that when Karna died in the Kurukshetra war and attained Indra Loka, he wanted to have some food, but was only offered gold and silver. When he wondered at the treatment, Brihaspati, the preceptor of the devas, informed him that since he made only donations via valuables in his lifetime as an earthling, he was "reaping as he sowed". Quoting the scriptures, Yama reiterated the manifold benefits arising out of performing tharpanam and offering annadanam during the period of Mahalaya Paksham.

It is recommended that men perform the tharpanam for their ancestors on all 15 days plus one, which is the prathamai coming after Mahalaya Amavasya. One should also perform the shraddham for the ancestors in full, on one of the days in the Mahalayam.

INBRIEF

Centre picks 3 new members for RBI's rate-setting panel

The Centre has appointed Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya and Nagesh Kumar as new external members of the central bank's rate-setting monetary policy committee, it said in a statement on Tuesday. The three new members have been appointed for a four-year term with immediate effect, the statement said. The six-member MPC, which consists of three RBI and three external members, is due to meet next between October 7-9. REUTERS

JSW Cement adds 2 mtpa capacity to Karnataka plant

JSW Cement has commissioned an additional 2 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) capacity at its Vijayanagar plant in Karnataka, taking the total capacity to 6 mtpa. With this expansion, driven by an investment of ₹461 crore, the overall installed grinding capacity has gone up to 20.6 mtpa, it said. "This new capacity is a significant step towards increasing our overall capacity to 40.85 mtpa while maintaining our commitment to sustainability," said CEO Nilesh Narwekar.

Reliance Infra board approves raising $350 million via FCCBs

The Board of Directors of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd. on Tuesday approved a proposal to raise up to $350 million (₹2,930 crore) by issuing unsecured foreign currency convertible Bonds (FCCBs) to VFSI Holdings Pte. Ltd. The FCCBs will be convertible into equity shares at ₹330 per share. The FCCBs will be unsecured and will have an ultra-low cost coupon of 5% annum, with a long maturity of 10 years, the company said in a regulatory filing.

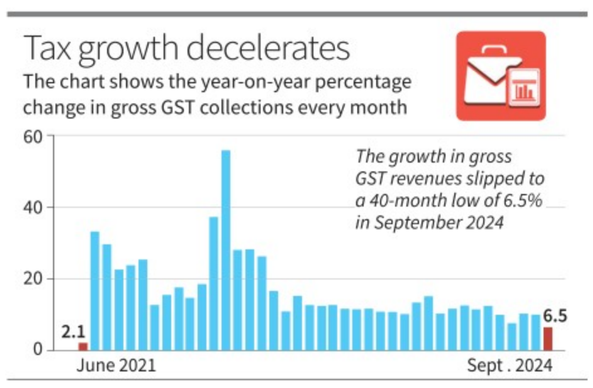
GST growth slowed in Sept., net inflows near ₹1.53 lakh cr.

Gross revenues rose 6.5%, while net receipts were 3.9% higher than last September; seven States record a contraction while revenues were flat in Gujarat; domestic refunds rose to 24.3%

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Growth in gross Goods and Services Tax collections slumped to a 40-month low of 6.5% in September, with revenues at ₹1,73,240 crore, about 1% lower than the tally in August.

Net GST receipts, after adjusting for refunds made to taxpayers, were 3.9% higher than a year ago, marking the slowest growth in this financial year. However, net collections were 1.5% higher than August's receipts, at ₹1,52,782 crore. In the preceding month, net GST receipts had grown 6.5% while gross collections were up 10%.



Gross domestic revenues were up 5.9% in September, with the uptick moderating 4.5% higher after adjusting for refunds, provisional numbers from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) showed. Growth in gross revenues from imports outpaced domestic revenues for the third straight month, rising 8% in September.

'Refunds go up'

GST refunds continued to grow at a healthy pace for the second successive month, with domestic refunds to taxpayers rising 24.3% in September, while export related refunds of Integrated GST (IGST) revenues were up 39.2%. Overall refunds were 31% higher, compared with a 38% uptick in August and an over 19% contraction in July.

Factory activity also cooled in September

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Activity levels in India's manufacturing sector mellowed in September, with factory output and sales growing at the slowest pace so far in 2024, and export orders rising at the mildest pace in 18 months, as per the survey-based HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

The seasonally adjusted PMI reading for September slipped to the lowest level since this January at 56.5, from 57.5 in August, marking the third straight month of decline in output and sales. A reading of over 50 on the index indicates an expansion in activity.

Just about 23% of the 400-odd Indian producers surveyed for the PMI expected output to grow in the year ahead, while the remaining firms predict no change, pulling down the overall level of business confidence to its lowest since April 2023.

Companies continued to hire, but at a milder pace, with some firms opting to slash part-time and temporary workers.

"Input prices rose at a faster rate in September while factory gate price inflation eased, intensifying the compression on manufacturers' margin.

Weaker profit growth might have an impact on companies' hiring demand, as the pace of employment growth slowed for a third month," HSBC's chief India economist Pranjul Bhandari averred.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,267	-0.04
US Dollar	83.82	-0.03
Gold	78,100	-0.25
Brent oil	74.66	3.80

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3186.10	50.25
Adani Ports	1467.50	19.30
Apollo Hosp	7153.35	-45.80
Asian Paints	3277.35	-51.75
Axis Bank	1226.65	-5.55
Bajaj Auto	12157.45	-188.50
Bajaj Finserv	1975.25	1.85
Bajaj Finance	7703.00	0.00
Bharat Elec	283.95	-1.15
Bharti Airtel	1698.70	-10.85
BPCL	368.25	-1.70
Britannia Ind	6446.05	107.90
Cipla	1664.85	10.75
Coal India	508.50	-1.65
Dr Reddys Lab	6749.10	-2.50
Eicher Motors	4972.65	-53.60
Grasim Ind	2801.15	5.60
HCL Tech	1816.50	20.40
HDFC Bank	1726.20	-5.85
HDFC Life	710.20	-7.80
Hero MotoCorp	5750.10	37.70
Hindalco	761.55	5.35
Hind Unilever	2923.75	-34.55
ICICI Bank	1274.40	1.40
IndusInd Bank	1409.70	-37.90
Infosys	1904.35	28.75
ITC	516.20	-1.95
JSW Steel	1027.30	-2.75
Kotak Bank	1879.40	25.45
L&T	3653.50	-22.05
M&M	3165.50	70.60
Maruti Suzuki	13166.00	-72.00
NestleIndia	2707.05	17.10
NTPC	440.10	-3.10
ONGC	291.95	-5.65
PowerGrid Corp	350.80	-2.05
Reliance Ind	2929.65	-23.50
SBI Life	1834.20	-9.80
State Bank	796.95	9.05
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3570.40	-6.55
Sun Pharma	1919.95	-6.75
TataConsumerProduct	1196.25	-0.70
Tata Motors	965.20	-9.45
Tata Steel	167.03	-1.52
TCS	4287.90	19.40
Tech Mahindra	1625.40	48.20
Titan	3775.95	-48.00
Trent Ltd.	7612.70	38.05
UltraTech Cement	11837.15	35.15
Wipro	546.75	5.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.62	83.94
Euro	92.62	92.98
British Pound	111.43	111.86
Japanese Yen (100)	58.13	58.36
Chinese Yuan	11.91	11.96
Swiss Franc	98.66	99.04
Singapore Dollar	64.96	65.22
Canadian Dollar	61.82	62.06
Malaysian Ringitt	20.05	20.14
Australian Dollar	57.80	58.02

Source:Indian Bank

Power consumption virtually flat last month

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's power consumption remained almost flat at 141.36 billion units (bu) year-on-year in September, mainly due to above-normal rainfall across the country, which cut the use of cooling appliances.

In September 2023, power consumption stood at 141.29 BU, official data showed. Experts said power demand and consumption will continue to be steady in the coming days.

Maruti, Hyundai Sept. wholesales slid on cut in dispatches

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai and Tata Motors reported a decline in wholesales in September as they curtailed dealer dispatches to to cut inventory build-up amid a decline in demand.

Maruti Suzuki India reported a 4% dip in total domestic passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales last month to 1,44,962 units.

Partho Banerjee, senior executive officer (marketing and sales) said the industry was looking at single-digit growth this year, following the high base of last year and the lack of pent-up demand.

Hyundai Motor India said its domestic dispatch to dealers saw a 6% dip to 51,101 units last month.

Tata Motors' total PV, including electric vehicles, sales in the domestic market slid 8% to 41,063 units.

In the two-wheeler segment, however, Bajaj Auto said its domestic sales rose a sharp 23% to 3,11,887 vehicles in September.

India Inc. logs robust credit profile so far this year

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Corporate India continued to show robust credit quality in the first half of FY25 thanks to debt-cuts, equity infusion and healthy domestic demand.

Crisil had an upgrade-to-downgrade ratio of 2.75 for rated entities n H1FY25, up from 1.79 a year ago. India Ratings also noted a 'robust credit' show with a downgrade-to-upgrade ratio of 0.31 H1FY25 against 0.37 in FY24.

AIX Connect completes merger with AI Express

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Air India group on Tuesday announced the completion of the merger of AIX Connect (the erstwhile AirAsia India) with Air India Express (AIX) to serve as its low-cost arm.

All aircraft of AIX Connect have been transferred to the Air Operator Certificate of AIX, ensuring that the operations of the combined entity continue without disruption.

The merged airline has 88 aircraft and almost 7,000 employees, which include 22 aircraft of AIX Connect and its 3,000 staff members. The group is also in the process of merging Vistara with Air India.

NCLAT dismisses appeals against Sarda Energy's SKS IBC plan

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) dismissed the appeals challenging an order by NCLT, Mumbai approving the resolution plan submitted by Sarda Energy & Minerals Ltd. (SEML) for SKS Power Generation (Chhattisgarh) Ltd.

The appeals were moved by unsuccessful resolution applicants Torrent Power Ltd., Jindal Power Ltd. and Vantage Point Asset Management Pte. Ltd.

In its judgment, the NCLAT said the appellants could not make out sufficient grounds to interfere with the NCLT's decision.

The ruling comes after the NCLT approved SEML's plan on August 13. SKS Power's amalgamation with SEML became effective from September 3, 2024 and the latter had taken control of SKS after acquiring it for ₹1,950 crore.

SKS has an operational 600 MW coal-based power plant with infrastructure for another 600 MW.

Mankind transfers OTC business to subsidiary

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mankind Pharma Ltd. said it had executed a Business Transfer Agreement (BTA) to transfer its Over-the-Counter (OTC) business undertaking to its wholly owned subsidiary, Mankind Consumer Products Private Ltd. (MCPPL), on a slump-sale basis.

"As part of the slump sale, the transaction has been completed for a lumpsum consideration," the company said.

In Q1 FY25, the OTC business reported revenues of ₹206 crore with a 19.5% EBITDA margin. For FY24, it achieved a total revenue of ₹706 crore, with an EBITDA margin of 19.9%.

F&O spike: SEBI to step in to guard investors

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator SEBI is expected to take measures regarding the Futures and Options (F&O) segment very soon, in a bid to enhance investor protection, a senior official said on Tuesday.

In addition, SEBI has urged the government to introduce tax breaks for subscribers of municipal bonds, which are crucial for funding infrastructure development.

The regulator will make a case for a tax break for municipal bonds during a meeting with the finance commission, the regulator's whole time member Ashwani Bhatia said here.

Since 1997, municipalities have raised ₹2,700 crore through bonds for infrastructure projects.

Talking about F&O, Mr. Bhatia said, "SEBI is very soon going to do something about F&O". In its consultation paper, the regulator had suggested to revise the minimum contract size for index derivatives in two phases, considering market growth.

After 7 years, CBI files closure report in case against NDTV promoters

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The CBI on Tuesday filed a closure report in a case of alleged cheating against former NDTV promoters and directors Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy as it could not find legally tenable evidence in the ₹48 crore loss incurred by ICICI Bank in the settlement of a loan in 2009, officials said.

The case was initiated in 2017 when the CBI registered an FIR based on a complaint from an individual, Sanjay Dutt, of Quantum Securities Ltd., who alleged that RRPR Holdings Pvt. Ltd., associated with the Roys, had taken a ₹500 crore loan from India Bulls Pvt. Ltd. to acquire a 20% stake in NDTV through a public open offer.

Prannoy Roy

The complaint had alleged the Roys pledged their entire shareholding as collateral for this loan, failing to report the pledge to SEBI, stock exchanges, or the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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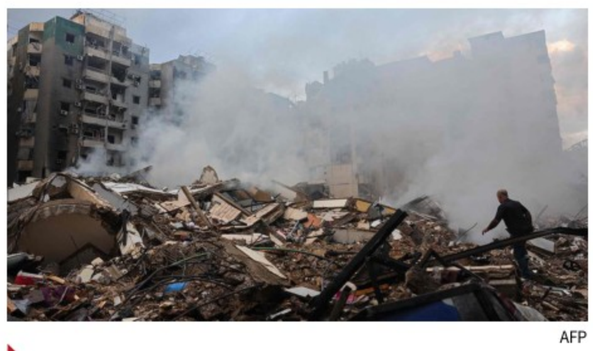
Syria war monitor says 3 civilians dead in Israeli strikes on Damascus



AFP

A Syria war monitor said six people including three civilians were killed in Israeli strikes early on Tuesday targeting Damascus and its vicinity, amid fears of broader Israeli raids on the country. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the strikes targeted two vehicles in Damascus's upscale Mazzeh district. AFP

BANGKOK

More than 20 feared dead in school bus fire in Thailand

AP

Rescuers pulled children's bodies from the charred wreckage of a Thai school bus on Tuesday after an accident turned the vehicle into an inferno, with more than 20 feared dead. The blaze tore through the coach on a highway in a northern Bangkok suburb as it carried 38 children and six teachers on a school trip. AFP

KYIV

Russian strike on market kills six as Ukraine marks defenders day

AFP

A Russian strike on a southern Ukraine market killed six people on Tuesday as the nation held a moment of silence to mark the country's dead on defenders day, authorities said. Russia has been advancing on the eastern front for months, and on Tuesday claimed to capture two more frontline villages. AFP

VALDOSTA

Hurricane Helene kills 130 in U.S.; Biden defends govt. response

AP

The death toll from Hurricane Helene that battered the southeastern United States climbed to at least 130 on Monday. As the disaster became a hot topic in an already bitter election campaign, President Joe Biden refuted claims that the government had been slow to respond. AFP

At least 6 dead in suspected terror attack in Tel Aviv

Reuters
JERUSALEM

At least six people were killed and nine wounded in a suspected shooting and stabbing terror attack in Tel Aviv on Tuesday, Israeli police said.

They said two "terrorists" started a killing spree on the Tel Aviv light rail and continued on foot before being killed by civilians and inspectors using personal pistols. There has been no claim of responsibility but Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said they were Palestinians from the West Bank city of Hebron.

The attack took place minutes before Iran launched missiles at Israel, escalating months-long regional conflict.

Israel begins ground raids in Lebanon targeting Hezbollah

IDF says its air force and artillery supported ground troops engaged in 'limited, localised, and targeted' ground attacks against Hezbollah; the militant group says it fired rockets into Israel

Reuters
BEIRUT

Israel said its troops had launched raids inside Lebanon on Tuesday, starting its widely expected ground operations after two weeks of devastating air strikes against Hezbollah's command structure and weapons sites.

The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) said the operations in Lebanon began on Monday night and involved paratroops and commandos from the elite 98th division, which was deployed to the northern front two weeks ago from Gaza where they had been fighting for months.

Smoke rises: Destruction at the site of an overnight Israeli airstrike on the Laylaki neighbourhood in southern Beirut on Tuesday. AFP

It said its air force and artillery supported ground troops engaged in "limited, localised, and targeted ground raids" against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon villages that posed "an immediate threat to Israeli communities in northern Israel". A Lebanese security source said that Israeli units had crossed into Lebanon overnight for reconnaissance and probing operations. Lebanese troops also pulled back from positions along the border, the source added. A Lebanese Army spokesperson did not confirm or deny the movement.

Lebanon's Army has historically stayed on the sidelines of major conflicts with Israel. Local residents in the Lebanese border town of Aita al-Shaab reported heavy shelling and the sound of helicopters and drones overhead.

Hezbollah said on Tuesday it had targeted Israeli troops across the border in Metula twice with artillery and rocket fire but made no mention of Israel's launch of ground operations into Lebanon.

New Japan PM Ishiba forms Cabinet with emphasis on defence

Associated Press
TOKYO

Japan's Parliament elected Shigeru Ishiba as the new Prime Minister on Tuesday, tasked with addressing public outrage over his governing party's corruption scandals ahead of a parliamentary election later this month, while trying to boost the economy and tackle security challenges from China and North Korea.

Mr. Ishiba replaces Fumio Kishida, who stepped down earlier on Tuesday to pave the way for a fresh leader after Mr. Kishida's government was dogged by scandals.

Mr. Ishiba entered the Prime Minister's Office and formed his Cabinet, which includes several security

Shigeru Ishiba

and defence experts, as he has called for a stronger regional military alliance and a more equal Japan-United States security partnership.

Mr. Ishiba will hold a news conference later on Tuesday to announce his Cabinet and some of his policy priorities.

Mr. Ishiba said he plans to call a parliamentary election for October 27.

Assange says he pleaded 'guilty to journalism'

Associated Press
STRASBOURG

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said on Tuesday that he was freed after years of incarceration because he "pled guilty to journalism".

In his first public remarks since he was released from prison in June, Mr. Assange gave evidence of the impact of his detention and conviction to the legal affairs and human rights committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France.

Mr. Assange was released in June after five years in a British prison after he pleaded guilty to obtaining and publishing U.S. military secrets in a deal with Justice Department.

How Israel took the war to the 'axis of resistance', triggering Iran's attack

NEWS ANALYSIS

Stanly Johny

On April 1, 2024, when Israel bombed the Iranian embassy complex in Damascus killing Brig. Gen. Mohammed Reza Zahedi and other officers, Iran saw the war coming towards it. In December 2023, Israel had killed another senior general of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Sayyed Razi Mousavi, in a strike in Damascus. In retaliation, Iran launched a missile attack towards what it called a Mossad base in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan. It was a token response. But the April 1 attack marked a flagrant violation of Iran's sovereignty. On April 14, Iran launched an unprecedented direct attack on Israel, by firing over 300 drones, cruise and ballistic missiles.

Iran wanted to change the rules of the game. The message it was trying to send was that if Iranian sovereignty is breached or its officers were targeted, Iran would respond directly. And the message was well-received in Jerusalem in April. Israel's retaliation against the Iranian attack was rather meek. But the situation would change in the following months, with two key developments in Iran.

In May, President Ebrahim Raisi, whose political and security views aligned with those of Iran's conservative establishment, was killed in a helicopter crash. Masoud Pezeshkian, a moderate who preferred engagement with the West and restraint in West Asia, was elected President in June. In Iran's transition, Israel sensed an opportunity to test its resolve.

Honour given: Iranians lay flowers beneath a billboard bearing a portrait of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, in Tehran. AFP

On July 30, Israel killed Fuad Shukr, a senior commander of Hezbollah and a close confidant of Hassan Nasrallah, the group's Secretary General, in an air strike on a Beirut suburb. A few hours later, Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas's Doha-based political chief who was in Tehran to attend Mr. Pezeshkian's swearing-in ceremony, was killed in the Iranian capital. In two strikes in two geographies, Israel hit three of its enemies – Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas – within 24 hours.

Both Iran and Hezbollah vowed retaliation. Iran later reportedly decided to hold back its fire to give Gaza peace talks a chance. But Gaza ceasefire talks reached nowhere with Israel continuing to pound the enclave, killing hundreds of Palestinians every week. Iran, wary of triggering a wider war, still did not respond. Hezbollah, on the other side, fired some 300 short-range rockets, most of which were intercepted.

Two approaches

Immediately after the rocket attack, Nasrallah said the retaliatory strikes were complete, signalling that he did not want escalation.

So the two sides that were in the conflict had two different approaches towards the conflict. Iran wanted the axis to fight Israel. The axis (Hezbollah) wanted a limited war. But Israel, backed by the U.S., was ready for escalation. And when Israel sensed reluctance on the side of its rivals, it decided to go with full force. Israel had been preparing since 2006 for the next war with Hezbollah. When Hezbollah expanded more like a conventional military force, particularly since its involvement in the Syrian civil war, Israel was preparing like a militia to attack Hezbollah.

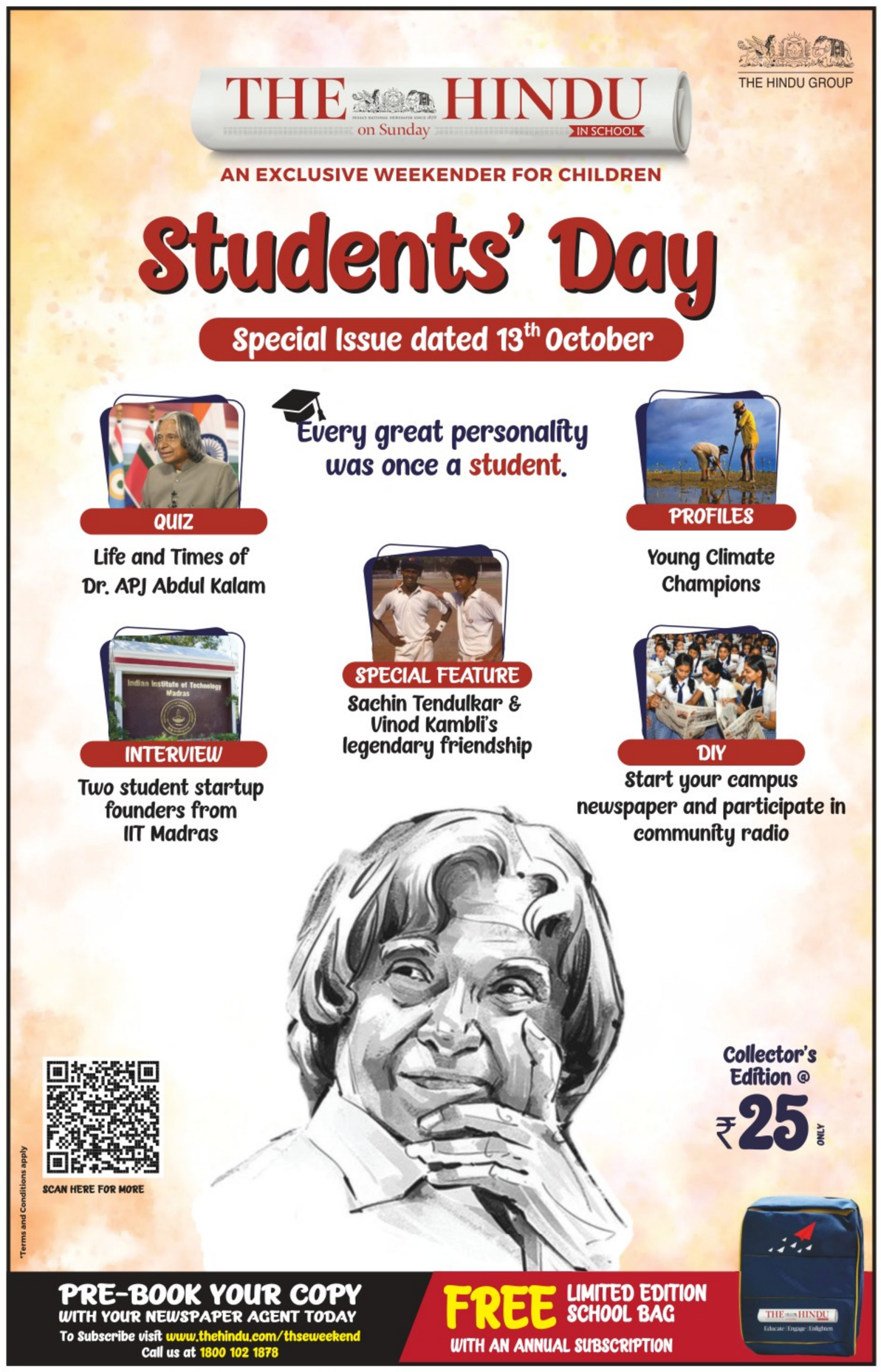
Once it decided to escalate the conflict, it first exploded pagers and walkie talkies, indiscriminately targeting Hezbollah's ground functionaries, its communication system as well as Lebanese civilians – these are tactics typically used by militias and terrorist entities. And then, Israel launched waves of massive air strikes on Lebanon, targeting Hezbollah's senior commanders. And then, the IDF went for Hassan Nasrallah, dealing the heaviest blow to Hezbollah.

It was a bottom-up attack, aimed at degrading the most powerful non-state actor in the world. And when Hezbollah was still in shock, Israel launched its fourth ground invasion of Lebanon. Israel says it will be a limited ground operation aimed at pushing Hezbollah away from the border region.

Next stage

It's to be seen whether Hezbollah would be able to quickly regroup itself and fight back, like it did in 2006. It's also not clear whether Israel, which is yet to meet its declared objectives in Gaza even after a year of fighting, would be able to quickly achieve its goals in Lebanon. Israel's last three invasions of Lebanon did not go as per its script. But a bigger question, irrespective of the result of Israel's Lebanon invasion, is what would be the next stage of conflict.

For Iran, its strategic reluctance had not been rewarding. Nasrallah was a central figure in Iran's axis and Hezbollah was a key constituent of Iran's forward defence doctrine. When Iran waited, Israel went with full force against the axis. And the weakening of the axis would invariably weaken Iran's deterrence, making it more vulnerable to a future Israeli attack. If Iran continued to wait, like it did after Haniyeh's killing, Israel would continue to attack the axis. If Iran responds, there is a high chance that Israel will respond with greater force, triggering all-out regional war in West Asia. Both options would have bad outcomes for Iran. Pushed to a corner and faced with tough choices, Iran, on Tuesday night, decided to launch its second direct attack on Israel.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ALL IN

We were even ready to get bowled out cheaply: Rohit on first innings

SANDEEP SAXENA

India captain Rohit Sharma decoded the tactics of unexpectedly going all guns blazing on Day 4 against a sturdy Bangladesh. "We wanted to get them out as quickly as possible and see what we could do with the bat. We were ready for it even if we got bowled out for 100-150," Rohit said.

UNIQUE FEAT

Ashwin equals record of 11 Player-of-the-Series awards

SANDEEP SAXENA

R. Ashwin equalled Muttiah Muralitharan's record of 11 Player-of-the-Series awards. He also became the first bowler in WTC history to take 50 wickets in all three championship cycles. In the two-match series, Ashwin scored 114 runs, including a century (113), and took 11 wickets with best figures of six for 88 in Chennai.

BELOW-PAR PERFORMANCE

Our batting has been disappointing: Hathurusingha

SANDEEP SAXENA

Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha said the batting performance was a huge let-down after his side lost 0-2 to India. "The defeat is hurting us. Batting has been disappointing. We have not been performing to our potential. We don't have much time to make drastic changes and we need to improve our execution."

NICE GESTURE

Virat Kohli gifts bat to stalwart Shakib Al Hasan

AFP

Virat Kohli gifted one of his signed bats to the soon-to-be-retired Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan after the home side completed a 2-0 Test series sweep over the visitor in Kanpur on Tuesday. The duo was seen exchanging pleasantries and sharing a laugh as Shakib did a bit of shadow-driving with the willow.

Fortune favours the brave as India polishes off Bangladesh

Rohit's men bundle out the visitor for 146 at the stroke of lunch; Jaiswal stars in the facile run chase with a quickfire half-century as the host clinches the series in style

BANGLADESH IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
KANPUR

India scripted a sensational seven-wicket win over Bangladesh to sweep the series 2-0 on day five of the second Test at the Green Park Stadium on Tuesday.

The 180th Test victory might not have been the most difficult in terms of the challenge India faced from its opponent.

Depth

However, the manner in which Rohit Sharma's men salvaged a result in less than two days of action showed the depth of the squad and its ability to be in an all-out attack mode throughout the game.

The batters laid the path on the fourth day, quickly surpassing Bangladesh's first innings total of 233 by scoring at a rate of knots to earn themselves time to take 10 wickets again.

On the final day, India's bowlers did their bit in bundling out the visitor in one session to help set up a paltry target of 95.

Bangladesh, resuming at 26 for two in its second essay, did not start well as R. Ashwin removed first-innings centurion Mominul Haque, caught at leg-slip while going for a sweep.

Useful stand

Shadman Islam (50) and skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto, though, steadied things, stitching a 55-run stand for the fourth wicket over the next hour.

In pursuit of wickets, the home team was aggressive, having four to five fielders in catching positions at all times.

Shadman capitalised on this by finding the fence regularly.

The left-handed batter confidently drove Ashwin through the covers and then hit Mohammed Siraj twice through the square on the off-side en route his half-century.

Just when it looked like the Tigers would make India toil a bit, Najmul's ill-fated attempt to reverse-sweep Ravindra Jadeja saw him lose his leg-stump.

It was the opening the Indian team was searching for. At the other end, Akash Deep removed the well-set Shadman, who hung his bat away from his body and edged it to Yashasvi Jaiswal at gully.

Later, Jadeja had Litton Das caught behind before removing Shakib Al Hasan, who offered a simple return catch to the left-arm spinner.

In the space of five overs, Bangladesh slumped from 91 for three to 94 for seven, and at that point, the writing was pretty much on the wall. The experienced Mushfiqur Rahim delayed the inevitable, scoring a patient 37, but Jasprit Bumrah cleaned up the last three wickets and dismissed Bangladesh for 146 at the stroke of lunch.

Jaiswal (51), as he did in the first innings, hit top gear from the word go, swatting Shakib for a couple of boundaries.

The southpaw then unleashed his full range of strokes, sweeping, reverse-sweeping and stepping down against the spinners to score his second half-century of the match.

The crowd did not mind their team losing two wickets either, for it brought Virat Kohli into the middle.

The star batter gave the fans their money's worth as he smoked four hits to the ropes and guided his side to an 18th consecutive series triumph on home soil.

The victory also boosted India's chance of reaching the World Test Championship final for a third straight time.

Champion outfit: The Indian team can be proud of the way it orchestrated the 2-0 series triumph. SANDEEP SAXENA

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH — 1ST INNINGS
233 in 74.2 overs
INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
285 for nine decl. in 34.4 overs
BANGLADESH — 2ND INNINGS
Shadman Islam c Jaiswal b Akash 50 (101b, 10x4), Zakir Hasan lbw b Ashwin 10 (15b, 1x4), Hasan Mahmud b Ashwin 4 (9b, 1x4), Mominul Haque c Rahul b Ashwin 2 (8b), Najmul Hossain Shanto b Jadeja 19 (37b, 2x4), Mushfiqur Rahim b Bumrah 37 (63b, 7x4), Litton Das c Pant b Jadeja 1 (8b), Shakib Al Hasan c & b Jadeja 0 (2b), Mehidy Hasan Miraz c Pant b Bumrah 9 (17b, 1x4), Taijul Islam lbw b Bumrah 0 (13b), Khaled Ahmed (not out) 5 (11b, 1x4); Extras (b-1, lb-5, nb-2, w-1): 9; Total (in 47 overs): 146.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-18 (Zakir, 7.1 overs), 2-26 (Mahmud, 9.4), 3-36 (Mominul, 13.3), 4-91 (Najmul, 27.2), 5-93 (Shadman, 28.4), 6-94 (Litton, 29.6), 7-94 (Shakib, 31.2), 8-118 (Miraz, 36.3), 9-130 (Taijul, 40.4).
INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 10-5-17-3, Ashwin 15-3-50-3, Akash 8-3-20-1, Siraj 4-0-19-0, Jadeja 10-2-34-3.
INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
Rohit Sharma c Mahmud b Miraz 8 (7b, 1x4), Yashasvi Jaiswal c Shakib b Taijul 51 (45b, 8x4, 1x6), Shubman Gill lbw b Miraz 6 (10b, 1x4), Virat Kohli (not out) 29 (37b, 4x4), Rishabh Pant (not out) 4 (5b, 1x4); Total (for three wkts. in 17.2 overs): 98.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-18 (Rohit, 2.1), 2-34 (Gill, 4.5), 3-92 (Jaiswal, 15.6).
BANGLADESH BOWLING
Miraz 9-0-44-2, Shakib 3-0-18-0, Taijul 5.2-0-36-1.
PoM: Jaiswal; **PoS:** Ashwin.
India won by seven wickets and clinched the series 2-0.

The bowling attack is quite special and I hope that this legacy is taken forward, says Ashwin

S. Dipak Ragav
KANPUR

R. Ashwin hailed India's current bowling riches and hoped that the legacy of the current generation would inspire the next set of bowlers to take it forward.

"Each of those bowlers that bowl alongside me has the ability to hold on to a game, bowl with discipline and yet produce wicket-taking balls," said Ashwin, who clinched a record-equalling 11th Player-of-the-Series award for his all-round effort.

Belief

"It is not just their ability alone. It is also the belief of the entire team. When Rohit says that you make 400 to try and make a game out of it, it tells you that the captain believes the bowlers will get the job done. These bowlers have done it day in and day out. And they have the ability to pick 20 wickets. The bowling attack is quite special, and I hope that this legacy of bowling is taken forward," he added.

Relishing the process: Ashwin says he focuses on enjoying what he does for the team. SANDEEP SAXENA

Explaining how India fashioned this remarkable win in under two days, Ashwin revealed that the aim was to have at least 70 to 80 overs to bowl out Bangladesh again.

"When we gathered inside, he mentioned that we would go hammer and tongs and try to make 400 runs in probably 50 overs. In that bargain, if we got bowled out of less than 200, it was okay because we made a game of it. Saying that is one, and when he said that, we knew how Yashasvi would play. But Rohit walked out and tonked the first ball for a six."

"When you walk the talk, I think the dressing room has no choice but to follow that pattern. We had 50 runs in three overs, and there was no looking," Ashwin remarked.

When asked about breaking Muttiah Muralitharan's record for most Player-of-the-Series awards, the 38-year-old insisted that cherishing memories is more important than records.

"I do not have an answer for that. But I would like to do it at a special occasion," said Ashwin. "Probably if I end up with that, it's great. But these are not things that motivate me any more, honestly. For me, the love of the game is something that I have harped upon repeatedly. It makes a world of difference for me to enjoy what I do. I am so glad I have gotten here. I would like to retain that happiness."

Wrecker-in-chief: Vishwa starred with a four-wicket haul. R. RAGU

Aussie tweakers sizzle, match hangs in balance

YOUTH TEST

Tarun Shastry
CHENNAI

The Australia U-19 side emulated its senior side's tenacity, particularly through its tweakers Thomas Brown and Vishwa Ramkumar, as India U-19 was bowled out for 296 in its first innings on day two of the first Youth Test at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium here on Tuesday.

India's Vaibhav Suryavanshi (104, 62b, 14x4, 4x6) started the day with a fierce pull off Vishwa to the deep square-leg fence. The opener got a reprieve in the same over as Brown dropped a simple catch at fine-leg.

With Vaibhav's aggressive batting, the visitor needed some inspiration. Christian Howe provided just that.

The Aussie's direct hit from deep mid-wicket removed the centurion, breaking the 133-run opening partnership.

Brown redeemed himself by dismissing Nitya Pandya and K.P. Karthikeya in the 24th over.

Skipper Soham Patwardhan (33) and the other opener Vihaan Malhotra (76, 108b, 13x4, 1x6) steadied the ship with a 52-run fourth-wicket stand before the latter became Vishwa's first wicket.

Australia's second innings stood at 110 for four – 107 runs in the green – at the end of the day's play.

The scores: Aus U-19 293 & 110/4 in 39 overs (Riley Kingsell 48) vs Ind U-19 296 in 62.4 overs (Vihaan Malhotra 76, Vaibhav Suryavanshi 104, Thomas Brown 3/79, Vishwa Ramkumar 4/79).

'Fewer Test centres help the players prepare better'

Sports Bureau
KANPUR

R. Ashwin said that having fewer Test centres helps the players prepare better for a series, considering they can get to know the conditions well.

"Firstly, what are the benefits of Indian cricket having so many Test centres? You have cricketers who come and play Test cricket from every nook and corner of this country," Ashwin said. "It is a huge country, and it has triggered a passion among cricketers to come and play for the country. That is a big positive."

In the last few days, the Green Park Stadium's lack of modern infrastructure and drainage facilities came under criticism as it led to no play on day three owing to a wet outfield despite no rain.

"The second thing is that there are certain requisite ingredients that go into making a Test match happen. The kind of drainage that we need to be able to invest in are no-brainers. But having said all this, does it help a player if you have just a few Test centres? Most certainly it does," Ashwin added.

The India all-rounder cited examples of how it is elsewhere, saying, "When we go to Australia, they play India only at five Test centres. They don't play us at the Manuka Oval in Canberra or any other venue where they won't be familiar with the conditions. So does England.

"They have certain select Test centres, and that's where they play. Some are only white-ball centres. Can we do it here? That's above my pay grade. I cannot comment on that."

India beats SA in Women's WC warm-up match

Sports Bureau

India beat South Africa by 28 runs in an ICC Women's World Cup warm-up match in Dubai on Tuesday.

The scores: India 144/7 in 20 overs (Jemimah 30, Richa 36, Deepti 35 n.o., Khaka 5/25) bt South Africa 116/6 in 20 overs (Wolvaardt 29, Asha 2/21).

Arjun Erigaisi is the new World No. 3

Sports Bureau

Arjun Erigaisi is the new World No. 3 in chess. He has 2797 Elo points, just three short of the magical 2800 mark. D. Gukesh is ranked No. 5 with an Elo rating of 2794. Viswanathan Anand is 11th and R. Praggnanandhaa at No. 12. Magnus Carlsen of Norway remains the World No. 1.

Among women, Koneru Humpy continues to be the highest ranked Indian at No. 6, but the new India No. 2 is Divya Deshmukh, who is World No. 11 (2501 Elo points). India is second in the ranking list of countries, behind USA (open) and China (women).

INBRIEF

Zverev to play till end of season despite battling illness

Alexander Zverev revealed on Tuesday he was still battling lung inflammation that saw him hospitalised after last month's Laver Cup and caused him to miss the China Open in Beijing. The World No. 2 admitted that his illness would take a few months to clear completely but that he would play on until the end of the 2024 season, starting with this week's Shanghai Masters.

Injured Courtois to miss Champions League game

Goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois will miss Real Madrid's match at Lille in the Champions League on Wednesday because of a muscle injury. Following tests on Monday, Courtois was diagnosed with an abductor injury in his left leg, Madrid said. Courtois was hurt in the 1-1 draw at Atletico Madrid in the Spanish league derby on Sunday.

LIVE TELECAST

Irani Cup: Rest of India vs Mumbai, day 2, Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.

Tennis: ATP Shanghai Masters, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 a.m. onwards

Ireland vs South Africa: 1st ODI, FanCode, 5 p.m.

ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 7.30 p.m.

Football: Conference League, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Mumbai recovers after Mukesh's early strikes

Stalwart Rahane holds one end together with a composed half-century, while Shreyas and Sarfaraz take the attack to the Rest of India bowlers

IRANI CUP

Amol Karhadkar
LUCKNOW

A delayed start. Early strikes by pacers in friendly conditions. A veteran holding on to one end and two established stars being more aggressive around him. A sensational catch. And a brain-fade moment too! All of it culminating in an intense opening day's play. That's the summary of the first day's play of the Irani Cup tie at the Bharat Ratna Shree Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium here on Tuesday.

Mukesh Kumar justified Rest of India captain Ruturaj Gaikwad's decision to insert Mumbai in with three strikes. But solid fifties by Shreyas Iyer (57, 84b, 6x4, 2x6), Ajinkya Rahane (86*, 197b, 6x4, 1x6) and Sarfaraz Khan (54*, 88b, 6x4) – with the captain leading from the front – meant Mumbai recovered to end the day at 237 for four.

Considering the new ball will be available soon after the early moisture on the pitch – that delayed the toss by an hour and start of play by 45 minutes on Tuesday – evaporates on the second morning, Rest of India will hope to strike early.

Mukesh and Yash hit their stride right away, with the former being rewarded twice in his second over.

Prithvi Shaw chased one outside off only to find Devdutt Padikkal plucking a sensational catch, lunging to his right at second slip at full stretch. Hardik Tamore decided against seeking a referral after playing close to his bat and pad to a full delivery and was adjudged caught-behind.

Ayush Mhatre – the teenaged debutant – and Rahane then avoided further damage. Just when Mhatre was growing in confidence, Mukesh changed ends and the first short ball of the morning resulted in a miscued pull. At 37 for three, in walked Shreyas and was at his aggressive best.

Shreyas' sliced six off Mukesh and the trademark lofted four behind the bowler were among highlights of the day's play. He even ducked when Prasidh Krishna bowled a quick, short one when he was on 49. But just after completing his fifty, a lapse in concentration resulted in Shreyas offering a dolly to Ruturaj at covers.

While Rahane was back to his solid batting after a mediocre Ranji season, Sarfaraz found his silken touch, especially against the spinners.

The duel between Sarfaraz and Yash Dayal – both having been released from India's squad the evening earlier – was intense in the last session.

Dayal asked plenty of questions – swinging the old ball both ways and using the crease effectively – but Sarfaraz managed to survive and even cross his fifty before the umpires stopped play due to fading light 20 minutes before the revised close.

Rescue act: Mumbai managed to finish the day on a strong note thanks to the batting of Rahane and Shreyas. COURTESY: EKANA SPORTZ CITY

The scores:

Mumbai — 1st innings: Prithvi Shaw c Padikkal b Mukesh 4, Ayush Mhatre c Jurel b Mukesh 19, Hardik Tamore c Jurel b Mukesh 0, Ajinkya Rahane (batting) 86, Shreyas Iyer c Gaikwad b Dayal 57, Sarfaraz Khan (batting) 54; Extras (b-1, lb-5, nb-6, w-5): 17; Total (for 4 wkts.; 68 ovs.): 237.

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-6, 3-37, 4-139.

Rest of India bowling: Mukesh 14-2-60-3, Dayal 15-1-46-1, Prasidh 14-4-39-0, Suthar 14-4-49-0, Jain 11-0-37-0.

HFC and CFC play out a goalless draw

ISL

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Former champion Hyderabad FC, playing its first home game this season, settled for a goalless draw against two-time champion Chennaiyin FC in the ISL at the GMC Balayogi Stadium here on Tuesday.

The home team should be happy with the result despite messing up quite a few scoring chances as in the last 20 minutes HFC was reduced to 10-men with defender Parag Shrivas getting a red card in the 71st minute for his second serious offence – this time on Connon Williams.

This result also meant HFC picked up its first point after losing its first two games.

HFC could have taken the lead in the ninth minute when the speedy right winger Abdul Rabeeh essayed a splendid cross to the waiting Stephen Goddard but the latter failed to capitalise with only the goalkeeper to beat.

In one rare counter-attack CFC had a chance to score but the normally efficient Daniel Chima Chukwu failed to get his act together in front of the goal after a delectable cross from the left corner by Connor Shields in the 29th minute.

Soon, Chukwu had a terrific run down the left-flank and almost scored but failed to control the ball when he was close to the target. After the break, CFC was disappointed to see Lukas Pivetta essay a feeble right footer of a lovely cross from the right by Farukh Choudhary in the 59th minute.

Evanilson off the mark in Bournemouth win

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
BOURNEMOUTH

Bournemouth's record signing Evanilson scored his first goal for the club as the Cherries beat Southampton 3-1 on Monday.

The Brazilian international sparked a three-goal blitz from the home side in the opening 39 minutes as Dango Ouattara and Antoine Semenyo also struck.

Taylor Harwood-Bellis pulled a goal back for Saints early in the second half, but they remain in the bottom three and without a win since their return to the Premier League.

Evanilson. AFP

The results: Premier League: Bournemouth 3 (Evanilson 17, Ouattara 32, Semenyo 39) bt Southampton 1 (Harwood-Bellis 51). **LaLiga:** Villarreal 3 (Pepe 45, Barry 84, Baena 90+7) bt Las Palmas 1 (Silva 47).

Serie A: Parma 2 (Man 62, Hernani 87-pen) lost to Cagliari 3 (Zortea 34, Marin 75, Piccoli 87).

Maaya races past fourth seed Lakshmi

NATIONAL TENNIS

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Maaya Rajeshwaran played a robust game as she gave further proof of her potential by knocking out fourth seed Lakshmi Prabha 6-1, 6-1 in the women's first round of the Fenesta National tennis championship at the DLTA Complex on Tuesday.

The 15-year-old from Coimbatore, coached by Manoj Kumar, set up a second round clash against another qualifier Saumya Ronde.

Another young qualifier in the women's event, Laxmi Siri Dandu, had to spend a lot of time on court to beat Chevika Reddy 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(5).

Sejal Bhutada was equally impressive as she negotiated a tricky Vidhi Jani in three sets to set up a second round match against Humera Baharmus.

In the men's event, lucky loser Rethin Pranav also demonstrated his high quality game as he raced past Neeraj Yashpaul for the loss of three games. Rethin will next challenge Ajay Malik, who ousted fifth seed Parth Aggarwal.

Bhicky Sagolshem demonstrated his athleticism and crafty game in subduing the experienced Suraj Prabodh for the loss of five games.

Bhicky will challenge top seed and former champion Vishnu Vardhan. Another bright talent from Manipur, qualifier Bushan Haobam set up a second round against another former champion V. M. Ranjeet.

In control: Maaya Rajeshwaran breezed past her higher-seeded opponent in straight sets. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

The results (first round):

Men: Bhicky Sagolshem bt Suraj Prabodh 6-1, 6-4; Bushan Haobam bt Amrutjay Mohanty 6-1,7-5; Shashank Theertha bt Shivank Bhatnagar 6-4, 6-2; Keerthivassan Suresh bt Maan Kesharwani 1-6, 7-6(7), 2-0 (retired); Dheeraj Srinivasan bt Manish Ganesh 6-3, 6-4; Rethin Pranav bt Neeraj Yashpaul 6-2, 6-1; Yash Chaurasia bt Faisal Qamar 6-3, 6-4; Manish Sureshkumar bt Jagmeet Singh 7-6(4), 6-0.

Women: Medhavi Singh bt Shatakshi Chaudhary 6-2, 7-5; Pooja Ingale bt Nirali Padaniya 6-3, 6-1; Sejal Bhutada bt Vidhi Jani 6-0, 3-6, 7-5; Humera Baharmus bt Divya Bhardwaj 6-4,2 -6, 7-5; Saumya Ronde bt Apurva Vemuri 6-4, 7-6(4); Maaya Rajeshwaran bt Lakshmi Prabha 6-1, 6-1; Laxmi Siri Dandu bt Chevika Reddy 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(5).

Nine-wicket win for TN over Nagaland

Sports Bureau

G. Kamalini (30) helped Tamil Nadu chase down 50 in 4.5 overs and register a nine-wicket win over Nagaland in Group-B in the first round of the BCCI U-19 women's T20 Trophy at Sultanpur on Tuesday.

Mesvi Pokar top-scored with 68 (52b, 9x4, 1x6) as Baroda beat Mizoram by 103 runs in Group-A at the Murugappa cricket ground in Chennai.

The scores: At Sultanpur (B): Nagaland 50/3 in 20 overs (Najmeen Khatun 31 n.o.) lost to Tamil Nadu 53/1 in 4.5 overs (G. Kamalini 30); **Toss:** Nagaland.

At Chennai (A): Baroda 163/4 in 20 overs (Mesvi Pokar 68) bt Mizoram 60/6 in 20 overs; **Toss:** Mizoram.

Chhattisgarh 109/4 in 20 overs bt Bihar 68/9 in 20 overs (Mansi Upadhyay 3/22); **Toss:** Bihar.

Karnataka 129/5 in 20 overs (Shreya Chavan 45, Mithila Vinod 36) lost to Gujarat 135/2 in 18.4 overs (Charlie Solanki 48 n.o., Sanchita Changlani 47 n.o.); **Toss:** Karnataka.

Ramkumar to meet Shevchenko in Shanghai Masters

Sports Bureau

Davis Cupper Ramkumar Ramanathan will play Alexander Shevchenko of Kazakhstan in the first round of the $10,298,535 ATP Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China.

Ramkumar, who has been competing in the doubles circuit in recent weeks, won two rounds of the qualifying event to make the main draw of the big event.

The results:

$25,000 ITF men, Kigali, Rwanda: First round: Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) bt Rishab Agarwal 6-4, 6-1; Kiruthik Kalyaan bt Muni Ananth Mani 6-1, 6-2; Siddhant Banthia bt Arthur Laborde (Sui) 6-1, 7-6(4).

Doubles: Pranav Kumar & Noah Schachter (USA) bt Adil Kalyanpur & Rishi Reddy 3-6, 7-5, [10-4].

Parth edges Huang for air rifle title

WORLD JR. SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Parth Mane was crowned the World junior champion as he won the air rifle gold defeating Huang Liwanlin of China by 0.7 point in the World junior shooting championship in Lima.

Parth, trailing before the last shot as the Chinese had a perfect 10.9 to nose ahead, delivered a 10.6 to secure the gold as the Chinese shot 9.6.

Parth, along with Ajay Malik and Abhinav Shaw, who also made the final, won the team gold for India.

Parth Mane.

The three Indian women also made the final, but could not win an individual medal.

However, Gautami Bhanot, Shambhavi Kshirsagar and Anushka Thokur won the team gold with a world record.

Gautami lost the race for an individual medal by 0.2 point.

Top of the table

India was on top of the medals table with five gold and three bronze.

China was second with two gold and a silver.

In junior women's skeet, Mansi Raghuwanshi shot 109, despite an 18 in the fourth round, but missed the final by one point. She was placed eighth.

The results:

10m air rifle:

Junior men: 1. Parth Mane 250.7(627.7); 2. Huang LIwanlin (Chn) 250.0(626.9); 3. Braden Peiser (USA) 229.1(629.8); 5. Ajay Malik 186.7(628.8); 7. Abhinav Shaw 144.2(627.0); 13. Umamahesh Maddineni (625.5); 14. Talwar Singh (625.2).

Team: 1. India (1883.5); 2. USA (1877.6); 3. Germany (1873.9).

Junior women: 1. Wang Zifei (Chn) 253.0(635.7-WR); 2. Oceanne Muller (Fra) 251.6(633.1); 3. Katie Zaun (USA) 230.2(630.1); 4. Gautami Bhanot 209.3(634.7); 5. Shambhavi Kshirsagar 188.4(632.6); 7. Ojasvi Thakur 146.1(631.4).

Team: 1. India (1894.8-WR); 2. USA (1881.8); 3. Norway (1876.7).

Excellent Lass primed for an encore

HYDERABAD: Trainer Rajesh Narredu's filly Excellent Lass, who won the Mysore 1000 Guineas in great style, should score an encore in the Race2win.com Deccan Derby, the blue riband of the season to be held here on Wednesday (Oct. 2).

1 MYSORE RACE CLUB CUP (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 12.15 p.m.: 1. Dali's Destiny (8) Deepak Singh 60, 2. Shadow Baby (2) Vivek G 60, 3. Only The Brave (7) M. Mark 59, 4. Mr. Perfect (3) Mohit 58.5, 5. Star Of Night (4) Hindu Singh 58.5, 6. One N Only (9) Kuldeep Sr. 57, 7. Mirzeta (15) Md. Ismail 56.5, 8. Normui (14) Mukesh 56, 9. Genie (10) Md. Ekram 55.5, 10. High Heels (6) B.R. Kumar 55, 11. Pancho (13) B. Nikhil 55, 12. American Flame (16) Rafique Sk. 54, 13. Pinatubo (11) Surya Prakash 54, 14. Freedom Touch (12) P. Sai K 52.5, 15. Cape May (1) S. Saqlain 50.5 and 16. Nav Lakhaa (5) P. Ajeeth K 50.5.

1. STAR OF NIGHT, 2. SHADOW BABY, 3. MR. PERFECT

2 ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (DIV. II) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 12.45: 1. Great Guns (8) P. Sai K 60, 2. Kingston (7) R.S. Jodha 60, 3. Maverick (4) Suraj Narredu 59, 4. Anzio (9) M. Mark 58, 5. Adbhut (1) S. Saqlain 57, 6. The Thunder (6) Alex Roazario 57, 7. Reigning Beauty (3) Md. Ekram 56.5, 8. Imperia (12) P. Ajeeth 55.5, 9. Miss Little Angel (2) Antony Raj 55.5, 10. Ragnarök (11) Likith Appu 54.5, 11. Delhi Heights (5) Mukesh 53.5 and 12. Juramento (10) B.R. Kumar 53.5.

1. MAVERICK, 2. ADBHUT, 3. IMPERIA

3 MADRAS RACE CLUB CUP (1,800m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 1.20: 1. Yesterday (12) P. Ajeeth K 60, 2. Miss Marvellous (9) Likith Appu 59, 3. Alpine Girl (1) Mohit 58, 4. Barbet (10) Trevor 57.5, 5. Crown Witness (2) Suraj Narredu 57, 6. Lady Danger (3) B. Nikhil 57, 7. Carnival Lady (6) Alex Rozario 55, 8. Trishul (4) Hindu Singh 54.5, 9. Silver Act (14) Mukesh 53.5, 10. Ampere's Touch (13) P. Sai K 53, 11. White Pearl (8) Akshay K 53, 12. Shah Of Iran (11) Md. Ismail 52, 13. Ashwa Gajraj (5) Gaurav 51.5 and 14. Sugar (7) B.R. Kumar 50.5.

1. WHITE PEARL, 2. BARBET, 3. CROWN WITNESS

4 ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (DIV. I) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 1.50: 1. Best Buddy (11) Md. Ekram 61, 2. Miss Maya (10) Akshay K 58, 3. Berrettini (13) M. Mark 57.5, 4. Midsummer Star (8) P. Sai K 56, 5. Baisa (6) Abhay Singh 54.5, 6. The King N I (7) Rafique Sk. 54.5, 7. Gretsy (5) Kuldeep Sr. 54, 8. High Reward (12) Gaurav 54, 9. Kenaf (1) B.R. Kumar 54, 10. N R I Sport (3) Likith Appu 53, 11. Malibu (4) S. Saqlain 52.5, 12. Tripurari (2) Sonu K 51.5 and 13. Lashka (9) Hindu Singh 50.

1. MISS MAYA, 2. MIDSUMMER STAR, 3. GRETSY

5 BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP (1,600m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.30: 1. Crimson Rose (3) Abhay Singh 60, 2. Grand Duke (1) R.S. Jodha 60, 3. Only My Way (6) S. Saqlain 60, 4. Top In Class (7) Mohit 60, 5. Voice Of A Dream (12) Hindu Singh 59, 6. Sucker Punch (5) P. Ajeeth K 57, 7. Park Lane (10) Md. Ismail 56, 8. Quality Warrior (4) Md. Ekram 56, 9. Das (11) Surya Prakash 55, 10. Sadiya (9) Kuldeep Jr. 52, 11. Wandring Warrior (2) Mukesh 51.5 and 12. Desert Sultan (8) Likith Appu 51.

1. QUALITY WARRIOR, 2. VOICE OF A DREAM, 3. DESERT SULTAN

6 ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB CUP (1,100m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.05: 1. Minecraft (14) Akshay K 60, 2. Glorious Power (2) A.A. Vikrant 58.5, 3. Nucleus (9) Mohit 57.5, 4. Warwick (16) P. Ajeeth K 57, 5. Rival (13) Santosh Raj 56.5, 6. Calista Girl (3) Gaurav 56, 7. Briard Ridge (15) Surya Prakash 55.5, 8. Colt Pistol (5) Antony Raj 54.5, 9. Wind Sprite (8) Likith Appu 54.5, 10. Espionage (11) Kuldeep Sr. 11. Fara (1) Abhay Singh 52.5, 12. Calistoga (7) S. Saqlain 52, 13. Cosmico (12) Mukesh 52, 14. Final Judgement (6) Hindu Singh 52, 15. Knotty Senorita (10) Vivek G 52 and 16. Gatiman (4) B. Nikhil 50.

1. ESPIONAGE, 2. CALISTOGA, 3. FINAL JUDGEMENT

7 TURF AUTHORITIES OF INDIA CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 80 and above (Cat. I), 3.40: 1. Priceless Gold (8) A.A. Vikrant 66, 2. Siddharth (7) Sandesh 62, 3. Huntingdon (2) Akshay K 59, 4. Akido (13) R.S. Jodha 57, 5. Malaala (9) Trevor 57, 6. Candy Girl (12) Md. Ekram 55.5, 7. Shadow Of The Moon (1) S. Saqlain 54, 8. Last Wish (4) P. Ajeeth K 51.5, 9. Alexina (10) Santosh Raj 50, 10. N R I Doublepower (5) Kuldeep Sr. 50, 11. Strauss (3) B. Nikhil 50, 12. Lucky Zone (6) Surya Prakash 50 and 13. She Can (11) B.R. Kumar 50.

1. SIDDHARTH, 2. MALAALA, 3. HUNTINGDON

8 RACE2WIN.COM DECCAN DERBY (Gr. 1) (Terms) (2,000m), 3-y-o only, 4.15: 1. Arkadian (8) S. Saqlain 56, 2. Dapper Look (11) Kuldeep Sr. 56, 3. Duke Of Tuscany (1) Trevor 56, 4. Elfin Knight (4) Sandesh 56, 5. Get Lucky (9) Mukesh 56, 6. King Immortal (3) Hindu Singh 56, 7. Secret Saint (10) Akshay Kumar 56, 8. Seeking Alpha (5) Vivek G 56, 9. Victor Hugo (2) Antony Raj 56, 10. Excellent Lass (7) Suraj Narredu 54.5 and 11. Mountain Touch (6) P. Sai K 54.5.

1. EXCELLENT LASS, 2. DUKE OF TUSCANY, 3. SECRET SAINT

9 DELHI RACE CLUB CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 5.15: 1. Blue Pantheress (1) Antony Raj 60, 2. Char Ek Char (9) Akshay K 60, 3. Deccan Ranger (2) Mukesh 60, 4. Exclusive Spark (10) Mohit 60, 5. Soorya Vahan (4) Md. Ismail 60, 6. Arba Wahed Arba (6) P. Ajeeth K 59, 7. Arnaz (8) Kuldeep Sr. 58, 8. Blue Brigade (7) Surya Prakash 56.5, 9. Pair Of Wings (3) G. Naresh 52.5 and 10. Politics (5) B. Nikhil 50.5.

1. CHAR EK CHAR, 2. SOORYA VAHAN, 3. POLITICS

Day's Best: **MAVERICK**

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Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5, (ii) 6, 7, 8 & 9.

Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4, (ii) 4, 5 & 6, (iii) 7, 8 & 9.

Tanala: All races.

Mayank to lead Karnataka, Manish will be his deputy

Speedster Vidwath Kaverappa will miss the first two games because of injury; fully fit Prasidh Krishna will be a welcome addition; experienced leg spinner Shreyas Gopal makes a return

RANJI TROPHY

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Mayank Agarwal will continue to lead Karnataka in red-ball cricket but will have a new deputy in the seasoned Manish Pandey, 35, as the 16-man squad for the opening two Ranji Trophy games against Madhya Pradesh (Indore, October 11 to 14) and Kerala (Bengaluru, October 18 to 22) was named on Tuesday.

Nikin Jose was the vice-captain last season but was underwhelming with the bat, scoring a paltry 281 runs from eight matches.

Mayank Agarwal.
FILE PHOTO: M. VEDHAN

The 24-year-old, whose 547 runs in his debut 2022-23 sojourn played a big role in his elevation, will now hope to recapture that form..

Speedster Vidwath Kaverappa, who took 25 wickets from five matches in 2023-24, will miss the first two games because of the shin injury he sustained in the Duleep Trophy.

But a fully fit Prasidh Krishna will be a welcome addition as Karnataka will look to keep up the pace troika, which has V. Vyshak (39 wkts in 2023-24) and V. Koushik (28) as the other members.

The eight-time champion attempted to usher in a completely young generation of spinners last campaign, but has now sought the experience of leggie Shreyas Gopal but not that of veteran offie K. Gowtham, who has not been picked for a second straight year.

K. Shashikumar and Rohit Kumar, who made their debuts last season, and Shubhang Hegde have not been chosen while promising off-spinner Mohsin Khan finds a place.

Mohsin's C.K. Nayudu (U-23) Trophy winning captain R. Smaran has made the squad even as K.V. Aneesh, who played the quarterfinal against Vidarbha, has not made the cut. Sujay Sateri and Luvnith Sisodia are the two designated wicket-keepers after Sharath Srinivas shifted to Tripura..

The squad: Mayank Agarwal (capt.), S.J. Nikin Jose, Devdutt Padikkal, R. Smaran, Manish Pandey, Shreyas Gopal, Sujay Sateri, Hardik Raj, V. Vyshak, Prasidh Krishna, V. Koushik, Luvnith Sisodia, Mohsin Khan, Vidyadhar Patil, Kishan S. Bedare, Abhilash Shetty.

KARNATAKA ROUND UP

Aneeshwar to lead in CK Nayudu

Aneeshwar Gautam will lead defending champion Karnataka in the Col. CK Nayudu (U-23) Trophy matches against Tamil Nadu and Tripura from October 13 and October 20 in Hubballi and Agartala respectively.

The squad: Aneeshwar Gautam (Capt.), Yashovardhan Parantap, Vishal Onat, Macneil Noronha, E.J. Jasper, Prakhar Chaturvedi, Harshil Dharmani, Yashovardhan Parantap, Kruthik Krishna, L. Manvanth Kumar, Monish Reddy, K. Shashikumar, Paras Gurbax Arya, Shikhar Shetty, Sanjay Ashwin, Dhanush Gowda.

Titles for Beagles and Mounts Club

Beagles BC and Mounts Club emerged the boys' and girls' champions respectively in the State youth (U-16) basketball championship that concluded in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Gyaan stars for Deccan International School

Gyaan scored a century (114) as Deccan International School defeated SLS International Gurukul by 139 runs in the K.M. Ramprasad Shield (U-16) school third division competition.

In another match Ricky's four for eight set up Zen International PS's four wicket win over Cambridge School.

The scores: Cambridge School, K.R. Puram 71 in 13.5 overs (Prinith 31, Ricky 4/8) lost to Zen International PS 72/6 in 16.3 overs (Sanjay 25, Prince Mahesh 3/23).

Christ Nagar PS, Anekal 45 in 11.1 overs (Shuban 4/15) lost to NPS, Kengeri 46/3 in 5.4 overs.

Clarence PS 124/6 in 26 overs (Shrinandan 27, Tanav 27) lost to Jyothy Kendriya Vidyalaya 125/5 in 17 overs (Rathan 51, Nischal 27, Tanay 3/19).

Alpine PS 220/3 in 21 overs (Anish 65, Shoaib 36, Sachit Galatagi 28) bt Sri Anupama Vidya Mandir 70 in 14.5 overs (Chirag 3/11).

Deccan IS 275/2 in 28 overs (Gyaan 114, Shoure Karanth 39, Vachan Jain 66) bt SLS International Gurukul 136/7 in 28 overs (Harshan 36).

Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidyamandir, B-87 189/4 in 24 overs (Ruchitaksh Indrerkar 66, Shivamsh Shekar 3/18) bt Ryan IS 106 in 17.5 overs (Anurag Saxena 56, Aaroosh Bilu 3/29, Shridhar 3/13).

Vyasa IS 147/8 in 30 overs (Pragalbha 75) lost to NPS, Yeshwanthpur 150/2 in 16.1 overs (Sasmith 82, Anirudh 31).

Sri Vani PS 195/5 in 21 overs (Hruthvik 45, Yashwanth 73) bt New Baldwin IS, Attibele 65 in 18 overs.

Sri Aurobindo Memorial School, BSK 213/7 in 30 overs (Arghya Chaudary 44, Siddhkataria 44) bt New Baldwin IRS 102 in 20.4 overs (Thanush 26, Kavan 3/15).

Vijaya Bharathi Vidyalaya 128 in 21 overs (Ranjan 27, Girish 3/15, Arnava 3/23) lost to JSS Public School, BSK 129/7 in 20.5 overs (Adarsh 67, Anvith Jain 4/33).

Brace by Joshua D' Silva

Joshua D' Silva scored a brace as BFC thrashed Bangalore Independents 5-1 in the UrbanRise C. Puttaiah Memorial Cup football tournament here on Tuesday.

The scores: BFC 5 (Joshua D' Silva 22, 51, Sohan Varshneya 31, Navaneet Krishna (OG) 74, Shashwat Panwar 77) bt Bangalore Independents FC 1 (Pradison Mariyadasan 72).

Aditya, Sreshta win

Aditya Vijay Chawla defeated Karan Seshadri 210-141 to win the sub-junior boys' billiards title in the State-ranking billiards and snooker tournament here.

Sreshta Kovvuri beat Jessica Ann Kalliath 2-0 (35-02, 24-05) to win the sub-junior girls' snooker title.

India were superb, but don't forget how officials nearly messed it up

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Perhaps they should have given the Person of the Match Award to Rohit Sharma. And he could have been asked to share it with Gautam Gambhir. Captains and coaches cop flak when a team does badly, but seldom get enough credit when a team plans a win with such elan.

India shook a dying game alive with an attitude that has been the hallmark of their cricket in recent times. Like modern captains, Rohit is allergic to draws. More importantly, India are keen on booking their spot in the World Test Championship (WTC) final before they arrive in Australia later in the year for a five-Test series. They need to win three more Tests, the number they play at home next against New Zealand.

From the time the captain came out and struck his first two deliveries for six, it was clear India were attempting to force a win. Yashasvi Jaiswal was brilliant, and every batter played unselfishly. The Test lasted fewer than 180 overs, or under two days; India needed just 52 overs.

Mere political talk

And yet, they nearly found themselves in a mess thanks to the inefficiency of the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA). Green Park Kanpur is a few decades behind India's best stadiums. Surely there has to be some minimum requirements before a centre is allotted a Test match? To say that Kanpur is a "heritage centre," has been around as a venue for 80 years and therefore deserves a Test, as Rajiv Shukla, Vice President, Board of Control for Cricket in India, has said is merely political talk. Convenient, no more.

Two days were lost even with minimal rain because the drying facilities were primitive. Had India lost WTC points, would the BCCI – the richest cricket body in the world – have taken the blame for it? Not for the first time, the players saved the governing body's bacon.

Victory dissipates ineptitude. It would be interesting to see how the UPCA spends the huge amounts of money it receives from the BCCI. A new stadium is being built in Varanasi which means the "heritage centre" might have seen its last Test anyway.

It was here that India beat Australia for the first time in a Test in 1959-60. Off spinner Jasu Patel claimed 14 wickets then.

A decade later, Gundappa Viswanath made his debut here with a century. If "heritage" is the argument, we'd still be watching Tests at the Bombay Gymkhana, where India played their first-ever home Test 90 years ago!

But in the end, the official failures are likely to be forgotten, thanks to the players whose positive attitude has brought lustre to Test cricket. There will be a temptation to speak of such nonsense as the "Gamball" style of cricket, after England's "Bazball" named after their coach. But it must be resisted. No team in history has scored as quickly as India did – at over eight runs an over – to set up the game.

Their philosophy was brilliantly summed up by Jasprit Bumrah who said after the match, "Do your best, and then accept whatever happens." India's best was good enough.

It is one thing for the skipper to say, "Go for it," but quite another to have ten colleagues who have both the skill and the temperament to pull it off. That is India's strength. Jaiswal, at 22, has emerged as a special talent; his first innings 72 ensured that Rohit falling didn't matter.

The confidence with which India bowled meant that a close finish – one that might have seen the match end, say, minutes before the close – was never on the cards.

Had the game stretched for that long, it might have been one of the finest played.

This is an Indian team that thinks as one, and plays as one. Amazingly, it has five men who have led in various formats – a recipe for disaster in the old days when the unstated job of an ex-captain (and a future captain too) was to undermine the current one! No captain has ever been a hero to his vice-captain in the past, and although there is no designated vice-captain in this team, it has made no difference.

India's cricket has been amazing. Their attitude even more so.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD, DIVISION BHILWARA
No.- 2488 Date:- 11.09.2024
NIB CODE : PWD2425A1582
-:Notice Inviting Bid 07/2024-25:-
Bids for CONSULTANCY WORK FOR DPR PREPRATION FOR FOUR LANE ROAD FROM MANDAL BHILWARA HARIPURA CHOURAHA TO DEVGARH DIST. RAJSAMAND are invited form interested bidders upto 6.00 PM Dated 07.10.2024 (Monday). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurment portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in., http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate values of the procument is Rs. 170.50 Lacs, (Total of 1 Bid)
UBN Code:- PWD2425SLOB05725
(Narendra Choudhry)
Executive Engineer
PWD Division Bhilwara
DIPR/C/9292/2024 Mob. No. 99835-29510

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal)
Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from empanelled contractors and also willing to empanel in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.
Last date for submission of bid: **30.10.2024 upto 4.00 p.m.**

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1.	**Development of Site and Service Scheme at Sy No.51, 55 & 56, Devarahipparagi Village, Devarahipparagi Taluk, Vijayapura District.** Work Indent No: KHB/2024-25/OW/work_indent 308 & IFT No. 81/2024-25 Date: 30.09.2024. **Amount put to tender Rs. 38,71,94,843.00.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No.080-22273511 / 080-22100077 web site: https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO2306/24-25

Government of Karnataka
District Ayush Officer, District Ayush Office, Health camp Betageri-Gadag-582102
E-mail dao.gadag09@gmail.com
No:DAOG/E-proc/01/Medicine/2024-25 Dt: 30-09-2024
Tender Notification
E-TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF AYURVEDA & HOMEOPATHY MEDICINES TO DISTRICT AYUSH OFFICE, Gadag. (Two Cover System)
(1) TENDER REFERENCE : DAOG/E-proc/01/Medicine/2024-25 (2) DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT TENDER : **30-09-2024** (3) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before : **14-10-2024 5.30 PM** EMD Reconciliation and Opening of Technical Bids **18-10-2024** Opening Financial Bid **Intimation will given to Tenderers** PLACE OF OPENING OF TENDERS **District Ayush office, Gadag.** ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION District Ayush officer, District Ayush office Health camp gadag-582102
(1) Name of the Ayurveda Medicines : Ayurveda &Homeopathy Medicines. APPROXIMATE VALUE (yearly) : Rs. **90.00** Lakhs. EMD AMOUNT Rs. **1,35,000/-**
Sd/- District Ayush Officer,
District Ayush Departement, Gadag
DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/270/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department. Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal. Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com
No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2024-25/2940
Dated: 30.09.2024
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal district invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-3 on E-procurement portal for 01 no of tender works pertaining to Raichur district. The amount for the mentioned work is Rs. **100.00** Lakhs. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.
For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 04.10.2024. Last date & time for receipt of tender is **14.10.2024** time 17.30 hours, Pre bid meeting will be held on **10.10.2024,** 11.00 Hours, Date & time for opening of technical bid **16-10-2024** time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid **18-10-2024** time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).
Sd/-Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/450/KSMCA/2024-25

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TUMKUR TERRITORIAL DIVISION, TUMKUR
E-Mail:dcftmk_dcftmk@yahoo.co.in
No:A/BUD/KMERC/RE-E-TENDER/CR-19/2024-25
Dated: 24.09.2024
RE-E-Tender Notification
Re-E-Tender is invited by the Forest Department, Tumkur Territorial Division pertaining to Chikkanayakanahalli, Bukkapatna, Gubbi, Tiptur, Madhugiri and Koratagere ranges under CEPMIZ (KMERC) Scheme for Advance Works, Excavation of CPT, Grassland rejuvenation works, Percolation Trenches, Creation and Maintenance of fire lines, Maintenance of Sandalwood Plantation and other works for the year 2024-25. The Bidder needs to be Registered as Forest Contractor during 2024-25 for Forestry works can participate for the following works. Total Number of Works: 35. Highest Value of the Work Rs.71,84,000/-. Highest Value EMD Rs.1,43,682/-, Lowest Value of the Work Rs.1,06,180/-, Lowest Value EMD Rs.2,655/-, Bid Submission Closing Date & Time: 09-10-2024 at 3:00 PM. Technical Bid Opening Date : 10-10-2024 at 3:00 PM. Price Bid Opening Date : 14-10-2024 at 3:00 PM. Last date for Bid Enquiry : 30-09-2024 at 3:00 PM. For more information about this tender may contact our office at office timings and more details on https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Tumkur Division, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/346/KSMCA/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. CEE/TZ/EE(C)-2/AEE(C)-2/2024-25/10830-33 Date: 30.09.2024
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)
Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites tenders for the following work. **Name of the work:** Construction of Periphery compound wall at 66/11 KV sub-station premises, Tayaluru in Kolar District.(2nd call). Estimate Cost in Rs. 60,00,000.00 (Inclusive of GST). The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04.10.2024**. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned
Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele), Transmission Zone, KPTCL,
Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru – 560 009. Ph: 080 - 22356320

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner **M/S. KANCHARLA PROPERTIES PVT. LTD,** a company incorporated under the companies Act, 1956, having it registered office at No. 7-8-13, Bay View Club Road, Waltair Uplands, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Director,Mr. K. Ram Prasad,they having acquired title to the same under a Sale Deed dated 27.02.2013 registered as Document No. MDP-1-04629/2012-13, Book-I, Stored in C.D. No. MDPD124 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Mahadevapura, Bangalore.
All persons/banks/companies/firms/financial institutions having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with all the documents relating to such claim within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and we shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and our client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF **Office Space** bearing **Unit No.A-401,** Municipal No.114-SI-2, having **PID No. 114/SI-2,1360** being the entire **Fourth Floor** measuring **22,540 sq. ft** of super built up area in **SUMMIT-A,** which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, staircases & other common use along with **twenty one** covered car parking spaces in the Basement Floor/Ground Floor/MLCP of the said building together with **33810/1342785th** (which comes to **6521 sq. ft**) of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in land measuring **7487.71 sq. mtrs** (80,597.71 sq. ft) forming part of the Property on which Summit –A is constructed being portion of land in **Plot No. 1** measuring **36 acres** in Doddanekkundi II Phase Industrial Area situated in Sy Nos. 73/1, 73/2, 74P, 75P, 76/1P, 76/2P, 77/1, 78, 79, 80/1, 80/2, 81/1 and 81/2 of Mahadevapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, earlier in Bangalore South Taluk, presently in Bangalore East Taluk and bounded as follows :
On the East by : Open towards Setback Area in 'SUMMIT-A' and private property
On the West by : Open towards internal driveway and the Arcade Shopping Centre
On the North by : Open towards Open Space in Schedule 'F' Property towards Bangalore-Whitefield Main Road
On the South by : Open towards the Building 'SUMMIT-B'
Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto,
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place : Bengaluru
Date : 02.10.2024

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560001
Tel : 080-22215601, 22211246 Fax : 22215602
No: DYES/ES/AP/112/2024-25 **Date: 01.10.2024**
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
Subject: The Deputy Director (Admin), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender for Construction of compound wall around D.Devaraj Urs Taluk stadium, Gundlupete, Chamarajanagara District through,E- Procurement Portal. **Work Details :** Construction of compound wall around D.Devaraj UrsTaluk stadium, Gundlupete, Chamarajanagara District, **Amount put to tender :** Rs 127.02 Lakhs, **EMD :** Rs 1,90,524.00 **Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid:** 10.10.2024 time 16.00 Hrs, **Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid :** 14.10.2024 time 16.30 Hrs. The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.
Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admn) and Tender Inviting Authority, Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports
DIPR/CP/2314/Zen/2024-25

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned by Government of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)
BESCOM invites tenders for the below enquiry numbers through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the Works of **Comprehensive improvement of feeders in Districts of Bengaluru Rural Area Zone & Chitradurga Area Zone for a period of two years on total turnkey/partial turnkey, under percentage quoting basis**.

Sl. No.	District	Enquiry No.
1	Davanagere	BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT210
2	Tumkur	BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT211
3	Chitradurga	BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT212
4	Ramanagara	BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT213
5	Bengaluru Rural	BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT214
6	Kolar	BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT215
7	Chikka ballapura	BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT216

Bid Documents available: 04.10.2024 onwards. **Last Date for Bid Submission:** 04.11.2024 17:00 Hrs. **Opening of Bid Document:** 05.11.2024 17:15 Hrs.
The Tender can be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal web-site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Aspiring Bidders need to register on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with Karnataka Public Procurement Portal help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000 +91-8068948777) or email at support@eprochelpdesk.com
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Milk Cake **200 g**	₹125*	Laung Lata **200 g**	₹105*	Kaju Akhrot Plaza **200 g**	₹135*	Gujiya **350 g**	₹290*	Sugar Free Rasmalai **500 g**	₹300*
Besan Laddoo **200 g**	₹120*	Rosogolla **500 g Tin**	₹115*	Moong Dal Halwa **200 g**	₹120*	Mohanthal **200 g**	₹115*	Gulab Jamun **500 g Tin**	₹130*
Motichoor Laddoo **200 g**	₹110*	Mathura Peda **200 g**	₹120*	Mysore Pak **200 g**	₹155*	Rejoice 2-in-1 Mithai **(2x500 g)** Gift Pack	₹250*	Gulab Jamun **130 g** (Pack of 2 pcs)	₹40*
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Gud Kaju Katri **200 g**	₹225*							Kheer **180 g**	₹45*

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